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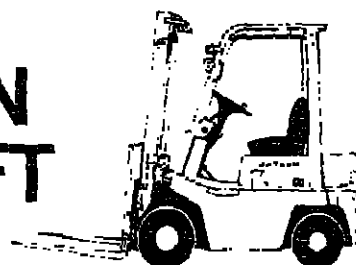
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Britain, U.S. study Oman's arms request

MUSCAT, Jan. 18 (Agencies) — Britain and the United States are considering a request by the Gulf State of Oman for more weapons, including fighter planes, missiles and minesweepers, to help defend the strategic Straits of Hormuz, a government spokesman said.

The Weapons were also needed for Oman's 14,000 strong British officered armed forces to be better prepared to face any "invasion" from neighboring Marxist South Yemen, the spokesman told Reuters.

He said Oman's ruler, Sultan Qaboos Bin Said, asked for the weapons when British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington visited Oman last week during a Middle East and Asian tour to discuss the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan.

"Lord Carrington promised to examine the request," the spokesman said, adding that the U.S. was also looking into Oman's arms shopping list, which was submitted before the crisis in Afghanistan.

"The Sultan wants the weapons now, and will talk about the cost later," the spokesman said to stress the pro-Western country's military needs.

Speaking to Arab News Oman Ambassador Ibrahim Al-Harithi in Jeddah said Lord Carrington discussed the situation in Afghanistan, Iran, the Palestinian question, South Yemen and Oman's security plan for the Straits of Hormuz.

Lord Carrington said his government will soon complete a plan for the protection of the straits and send a copy of it to the Omani government.

Harithi recalled that his government had sent out a plan for the security of shipping in the Strait to other Gulf governments and Western states but "non has cared to reply to it so far."

He denied news reports about an American military presence in his country or the granting of any military facilities to the United States. "Nothing official has been arrived at between the two countries and the aim of the reports is to sow doubts and confuse friends," he said.

He said that Oman had made it clear in the past that it did not need foreign troops because the countries of the region were quite capable of deterring any foreign interference if they remain united.

The Soviet action in Afghanistan has highlighted the importance of the Straits of Hormuz, the gateway to the Gulf which supplies about 70 per cent of the crude oil requirements of the industrialized countries.

The government spokesman said Oman had asked for 12 more British made Jaguar multi-purpose jets to reinforce the 10 jaguars and 11 near obsolete Hawker hunter planes already in operation.

Soviets using gunships Afghan rebels 'retreat'

KABUL, Jan. 18 (R) — Soviet troops using helicopter gunships and tanks have forced Afghanistan's Muslim rebels to retreat to remote mountain villages, according to reports reaching Kabul, the Afghan capital.

The Spanish news agency, EFE, reporting from Kabul, said Soviet helicopters were "controlling" guerrilla movements in the interior and near the Pakistani border. The dispatch was carried in Madrid.

EFE correspondent Jose Luis Vidal quoted journalists returning from southern Afghanistan near the border with Iran as saying the rebels appeared "frightened" by the Soviet armor being used against them. The journalists, who were not identified, said the rebels had no automatic weapons and had fallen back to mountain villages hidden in the snow, EFE said.

The report said the Afghan army was patrolling Kabul and the only visible Soviet troops were those seen shopping in the capital's bazaar.

The EFE report could not be confirmed. Meanwhile, the Soviet news agency Tass Friday described reports of armed clashes between Soviet troops and Afghan army units near Kabul airport as "wishful thinking."

Diplomats in Pakistan said Thursday there were reports of fighting between Soviet and Afghan soldiers. Foreign correspondents in Kabul heard firing, apparently from heavy caliber guns, coming from the direction of Kabul International Airport.

Tass said one of its correspondents in Kabul had been told: "No armed clashes took place in the area of Kabul airport between the Soviet contingent and the Afghan army and none could have taken place." It gave no

source for the denial.

Also, East Germany's Communist party daily *Neues Deutschland* said Friday that thousands of Afghan rebel tribesmen had surrendered to government forces in the past three weeks.

The newspaper quoted Education Minister Anahita Ratebzad as telling East European journalists that the Soviet-backed Kabul government had consolidated its power in most of the country's provinces.

Thousands of Afghans who had been led astray and had entrenched themselves in the mountains as rebels had returned to the towns and surrendered their weapons to local party officials, he said.

But the newspaper added that it would be "some time" before the ruling Democratic People's Party managed to establish complete control over the entire country.

Meanwhile, American reporters were leaving Afghanistan Friday under an expulsion order from the pro-Soviet government, and the Soviets were reported replacing regular troops with reservists in their occupation army.

In Pakistan, President Muhammad Zia Ul-Haq denied the reported U.S. offer of \$400 million in aid.

"That is peanuts," Zia told American reporters in Rawalpindi Thursday when asked his opinion of President Jimmy Carter's reported offer of \$200 million in military equipment and \$200 million in economic aid over the next two years to offset the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

In continued international reaction to the invasion, the 21-nation Council of Europe Friday condemned the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan.

Autonomy talks deadlocked

Three-way summit likely

TEL AVIV, Jan. 18 (R) — With Israel and Egypt deadlocked over Palestinian autonomy, evidence grew Friday that President Jimmy Carter may once again be called in to seek solutions at a three-way summit.

Prime Minister Menachem Begin said he was ready, if invited, to attend a meeting with Carter and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat. But added a warning that Washington should not try to pressure Israel.

Some Western diplomats said the odds now looked in favor of Carter attending such talks, despite the pressures of presidential election year in the United States.

The deadlock was highlighted by the unceremonious manner in which Israel and Egypt Thursday rejected each other's plans for the autonomy to be granted to Palestinians on the West Bank of the Jordan River and in Gaza.

and said they should exercise self-rule through a "self-governing authority."

The Egyptian view, largely supported by the United States, is that this self-governing authority should consist of up to 100 members with legislative and executive powers.

In the Israeli version of full autonomy, Palestinians would be restricted to local administration and would be denied power to make their own laws. Nor would they control their land or water resources and would not be able to prevent Jewish settlements springing up wherever Israel decided. Israeli occupation forces would remain in ultimate authority.

Palestinian leaders on the West Bank and Gaza have refused to discuss Israel's plan, calling it a trick to perpetuate Israeli domination under another name.

During the six months since Egypt and Israel started discussing autonomy they have carefully skirted round the central issue of what powers the self-governing authority should have. With fringe issues now exhausted the negotiators had no alternative at this week's Cairo meeting but to tackle the main issue. The result was instant deadlock.

Israeli officials privately complain that the United States is more and more taking Egypt's side on the autonomy issue. They were openly disconcerted at the refusal by Egypt and the United States to let the Palestinian problem be sidetracked by events in Iran and Afghanistan.

Begin dwelt at length on these events during his meeting with Sadat last week in Aswan. The Egyptian leader showed a preference for tackling problems nearer to home.

Some Israeli officials derided American concern for the Palestinians at a time when, as they put it, hostile forces were rampaging through Asia.

The American view, as expressed by U.S. special envoy Sol Linowitz, is that resolution of the Palestinian problem remains a crucial factor in bringing stability to the Middle East and South Asia.

Eximbank aids GE project

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18 (AP) — The U.S. Export-Import Bank has announced that it will support participation by an American firm in one of the world's largest gas turbine projects in Saudi Arabia.

The bank said it has approved a "contractors' guarantee" for \$115.6 million to support the General Electric company's participation in an 800 megawatt Saudi Arabian power project in one of the largest gas turbine projects ever undertaken.

The project, to be completed in about two years, will supply Riyadh with an additional 700mw of power daily. The station, to be built on kilo 16 of Al Kharj Road, will bring an end to frequent power cutoffs in the capital.

The project involves the manufacture, delivery and construction of a power plant consisting of sixteen 50 megawatts gas turbines.

The bank's guarantee protects the contractor against the inability to transfer local currency into U.S. dollars and will cover tangible property against confiscation, loss or damage while the contractor is on location in the project country.

The bank said requests have previously been approved for contractors in other countries, such as Abu Dhabi, Sudan and Egypt.



TOUR: Defense and Civil Aviation Minister Prince Sultan addresses troops in the northern province during a tour Thursday.

Sultan opens new air base headquarters

KHAMIS MUSHAIT, Jan. 18 (SPA) — Continuing his tour of army bases in the northern and southern regions of the country, Defense Minister Prince Sultan Thursday opened the new headquarters of the King Khaled air base here. He also inspected the command headquarters of the Southern Province where he was briefed on the functions of the operations room.

Speaking to members of the Tenth Battalion, which took part in the siege at the Holy Haram Mosque in Mecca, Prince Sultan said the Saudi Arabian armed forces are being developed to defend "our faith, our shrines and our sovereignty."

"You are peace advocates and Islam always calls for peace. But there is no peace without power," Prince Sultan said.

The Prince conveyed the greetings of King Khaled, Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, to the members of the battalion. He saluted their spirit of Islam which he said boosts their capacity to make sacrifices and struggle to ward off threats to their religion and country.

He told the soldiers that martyrs from the battle of Mecca will go to heaven, while those who were wounded have been honored and privileged.

After his speech, the Prince visited new installations at King Faisal Military Cantonment and the Fourth Mechanized Battalion.

During his inspection, he was accompanied by Prince Khaled Al Faisal, governor of Assir, Prince Faisal ibn Bandar ibn Abdul Aziz, deputy governor, and Prince Fahd ibn Khaled, governor of Nejran.

He was also accompanied by Maj. Gen. Abdul Mohsen Al Omran, commander of the land forces, Maj. Gen. Yusuf Al Rashed, commander of the Southern Province and other high-ranking military personnel.

Maj. Gen. Rashed gave a luncheon in honor of the Prince and his party.

Lebanese hijacker surrenders

BEIRUT, Jan. 18 (AP) — A lone gunman hijacked Lebanese Middle East Airline jetliner Friday. But he gave himself up and released all 72 passengers on board unharmed two hours later, Beirut Airport reported.

The two-hijacker also freed the Boeing 707's nine-member crew before climbing out of the commandeered aircraft, holding a gun, at Beirut Airport, said an airport spokesman.

Newsman saw the young Lebanese hijacker arguing with a policeman and refusing to surrender his gun in public. He was then taken to an airport lounge where Lebanon's interior and communications ministers allowed him to talk to newsmen.

Lebanese authorities identified the hijacker as Fuad Hamadeh, a Shiite Muslim from the Southern Lebanese village of Khirbet Silm.

Authorities said the hijacker told the captain and passengers that he commanded the plane in a new attempt to determine the fate of Imam Moussa Sadr, the spiritual leader of Lebanon's Shiite community.

Sadr disappeared 14 months ago while on a trip to Libya. Lebanese Shiite leaders accused Libyan leader Col. Moammar Qaddafi's regime of holding the missing Imam captive. But the Libyan authorities have insisted the 52-year-old Imam had left Libya by plane one week after his arrival in the Libyan capital of Tripoli in August 1978.

The hijacker told the pilot he belonged to a Shiite grouping that calls itself "Sons of the South" and that he hoped to get the Iranian religious authorities to reclaim the missing Imam from Libya, Beirut Airport officials reported.

Southern Lebanon has a predominantly Shiite population.

Where will it end?

Gold: \$835 an ounce

LONDON, Jan. 18 (Agencies) — The price of gold soared to a record \$ 835 an ounce Friday.

It was set at this figure in the regular pricing session on the London bullion market Friday afternoon and in the morning it had been fixed at \$ 825.5.

It rose above \$ 800 for the first time in New York Thursday.

"Where will it end?" asked London dealer as orders for gold came in on hectic European markets Friday.

The figure of \$ 1,000 an ounce in the not-too-distant future had been predicted privately on some markets, although many speculators are nervous and believed a slump is possible.

Earlier Friday it had touched a world record in open trading of \$ 835 on the Hong Kong market before falling back somewhat as speculators and dealers collected huge profits.

Gold rose steadily on all European bullion markets Friday morning, following the trend overnight as the frantic international rush to buy the metal continued unabated.

After a slight lull Thursday, gold began renewing its price surge in late afternoon trading in Europe and went on to record heights in New York.

It was in New York Thursday night that gold reached \$ 800 for the first time.

Thursday gold was fixed on the London market at \$ 728.25 in the morning after it had hit around \$ 760 the previous night. It was fixed in the afternoon Thursday at \$ 750 — back on its upward course again.

In New York trading which one dealer described as "absolutely nuts," gold swung an incredible \$ 100 an ounce between \$ 715 and \$ 819 before closing late Thursday at a record \$ 802. Some dealers cited rumors of a

Soviet invasion of Iran. One dealer said "They (the speculators) have gone crazy. If this goes on, gold will reach the \$1,000 mark in no time."

The Hong Kong gold and silver exchange announced that as of Monday, the market will close at 4 p.m. local time, instead of 4:30, apparently in an effort to cool gold speculation.

Silver prices shot up Friday, opening in London at a record \$49.50 a troy ounce, up from \$46.00 late Thursday after topping Wednesday's record \$48.

In the recent gold fever sweeping the world, the main markets in Hong Kong, Europe and New York have tended to take turns in setting the pace.

In Europe and Hong Kong Thursday it looked as if the markets had stopped for a breathing space and prices fell back as speculators cashed in on the huge profits available after meteoric rises earlier in the week. At one time the price dropped as low as \$716 an ounce.

But such relatively low prices brought speculators back into the market and in New York reports of fighting between Soviet troops and Afghan army units sent prices surging upwards again.

Hong Kong has several times recently reacted against high prices elsewhere but Friday dealers obviously felt they had to go with the trend in New York.

The price of gold has now risen by more than \$270 an ounce in less than three weeks. Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

London 835.00
Paris 731.70
Frankfurt 825.50
Zurich 840.00
Hong Kong 810.65.

Construction supplement

Arab News today includes a supplement on the Middle East Construction Exhibition.

Prince opens Sunday Jeddah exhibition

JEDDAH, Jan. 18 (SPA) — Deputy Governor of Mecca Prince Saud ibn Abdul Mohsen opens Sunday a Middle East Construction exhibition of 600 firms representing 30 countries.

The six-day exhibition is the largest ever held in the Middle East, covering an area of 50,000 square meters.

The exhibition includes 150 firms from Britain, 80 from the United States, 40 from France, 40 from West Germany and 40 from Sweden.

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Key passages in the Camp David accords spoke of "full autonomy" for Palestinians

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As measure for rehabilitation

Compulsory employment of mental patients urged

By a Staff Reporter

JEDDAH, Jan. 18 — The Saudi Medical Journal, published every two months by the Ministry of Health, has suggested legislation that mental patients with vocational qualifications make one per cent of the personnel of all companies.

It suggested the state subsidize the project by giving incentive grants to factory owners.

The journal said that only 20 years ago, mental patients in Saudi Arabia were isolated in a place called "Morestan." There, they were tied up and treated like outcasts.

But the picture changed 17 years ago when a specialist hospital for mental patients was set up in Taif. The hospital began with one floor with 240 beds for 600 patients. The number of beds soon rose to 1,000, to accommodate 1,500 patients. Efforts were being made to bring the number of beds to 1,500 by the end 1979.

For two years now, the hospital has taken in more than 1,500 patients.

The hospital is meanwhile providing a diploma at the end of course on mental and nervous diseases, with the help of the Ministry of Higher Education and in cooperation

with the World Health Organization and Riyadh University's Faculty of Medicine.

The Journal said the hospital gives the best possible care to the patients. It follows a modern system of therapy, including entertainment, sports, work, prayer, physiotherapy and various types of psychological and physical treatment to enable patients to fit into society again and to resume their normal activities in the shortest possible time.

One of the major problems of mental patients is that when they end their treatment at the institution, they go back to the same environment and the same problems that caused their illness and risk a relapse. The hospital therefore briefs the patient's relatives on how to treat and deal with him or her when back at home as soon as it notices some improvement in the patient. Also, when they are handed over to their parents or guardians, patients are accompanied by a social worker and a nurse. Relatives are told about treatment and diet.

The government has drawn up a plan for putting mental clinics in public hospitals throughout Saudi Arabia. A mental health section has been set up at the Ministry of Health as part of the Therapeutic Medicine Department.

Clinics which will be set up in all populated areas in the Kingdom will have 10 to 50 beds each. The idea is that mental cases should be treated as soon as possible, in the early stages, and near the patient's home environment.

An agreement has also been reached between working units and the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs to grant financial assistance to mental cases to help them support themselves and their families and, therefore, to continue to live in their original environment and in society. In this way, the patients

Pakistan envoy here

JEDDAH, Jan. 18 — The new ambassador of Pakistan, Najmul Sajid Khan, arrived Thursday evening.

He was received at the airport by the chief of protocol in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Salim Sunbul, Pakistan; Charge d'Affaires Brig. N.A. Ashraf, and officials of the Pakistan embassy the Organization of the Islamic Conference, and Pakistan International Airlines.

More cooperation

Abdul Ghani hails talks in Riyadh

SANAA, Jan. 18 (R) — Prime Minister Abdul Aziz Abdul Ghani has returned here from a five-day official visit to Saudi Arabia saying that cooperation will be expanded.

He told reporters on arrival that he and Saudi Arabia's leaders had reviewed their close relations and discussed how money given in aid to North Yemen this year would

Khan has been ambassador in Kuwait, and he was the additional secretary at the Foreign Office in Islamabad before his appointment. state would most probably improve. A patient obtains assistance upon presenting a specialist's report, as part of the light of the social insurance scheme. Selection also takes place of cases that could be trained vocationally, while identifying the crafts or professions most suitable for them, according to each one's capacity and health.

Two vocational training centers have been opened in Taif and Riyadh for improved mental cases. A commission of medical specialists decides who may enter.

It is intended to give vocational training to the largest possible number of mental patients, to enable them acquire a profession or craft to ensure normal living conditions for them when they go back into society. It should ensure their improvement. During their training, the government pays them a salary as an incentive.

The Riyadh vocational training center was built for the physically handicapped, but its services were expanded to include the mentally handicapped. So far it only takes men. Other centers are planned for women patients.

The Taif center plays a leading role in training patients. Its location was chosen by the Ministry of Social Affairs to be as near possible to the Sanatorium and the Chest Diseases Hospital, both of which care for patients who need intensive rehabilitation. A joint panel from the center and the hospital identifies cases eligible for the programs as well as the work for which they could receive vocational training.

A series of convalescence institutions for mental patients will soon be opened. Already one has been set up in Taif as a major step towards providing a bridge between the patient's family and the hospital. In it, the patient is gradually prepared to return to his family and environment. The institute investigates the private and environmental life of the patient and tries to remove any obstacles that could hamper the improvement or reintegration of the patient.

The first sign of improvement is when the patient starts accepting work and carrying out his daily tasks.

be spent.

Political sources said he also discussed latest Arab developments and the security of the Gulf after the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

Immediately on his arrival Abdul Ghani reported to President Ali Abdullah Saleh.



MODEL: Riyadh Governor Prince Salman inspects a model of the planned diplomatic quarter in his city on a tour of the site. He had earlier dedicated work on the infrastructure for the project.

\$390 million donation

Kingdom gives to aid fund

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18 — Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates, have agreed to contribute almost \$670 million to the International Development Association (IDA), an affiliate of the World Bank.

The contributions will be part of an estimated \$12 billion in additional funds which IDA will put into development projects in the world's poorest countries.

In announcing the funding arrangements, a World Bank official said that Saudi Arabia's contribution will be \$390 million, which represents 3.25 per cent of the \$12 billion total.

Kuwait will contribute \$200 million and the Emirates some \$79.2 million.

The executive director of the association announced the funding arrangements from 33 World Bank member countries here Wednesday. But IDA will not receive any contributions until the funding arrangements have been formally approved by each country's government.

At the meeting the IDA representatives reviewed the burden sharing arrangements for its projects. Germany, Japan and several European countries will increase their shares while the United States, Sweden, and Canada will decrease their contributions.

IDA, which devotes nearly one-half of its lending to agriculture and rural development, is the largest source of multilateral lending on concessional terms to developing countries.

IDA credits are for 50 years with repay-

ment after 10 years. The credits are interest free, except for a small service charge to cover IDA administrative expenses.

Since 1960, IDA has extended credits of over \$16 billion for developing projects in 74 countries whose annual per capita income is less than \$200.

Gulf health ministers will view coordination

RIYADH, Jan. 18 (SPA) — Minister of Health Dr. Hussein Al-Jazairi left here for Baghdad Friday leading an official delegation to a special session of the eighth conference of Gulf Arab Health Ministers. The conference begins there Sunday.

The week-long session will discuss, among other things, coordination among the states of the region in curative and preventive treatment, health education, radiological treatment and a center for the treatment of cancer.

The conference will also consider reports on neurosurgery, ophthalmology, a unified program for the purchase of drugs, the manufacture and quality control of drugs, the manufacture of sterilized plastic syringes as well as the standardization of syllabuses at health institutes and nursing schools.

The standardization of salaries for teachers and technicians in member states and the establishment of a regional department for foods and drugs will also come up for discussion.



MEETING: Deputy Governor Prince Sattam chairs a meeting of the Water and Sewage Department in Riyadh.



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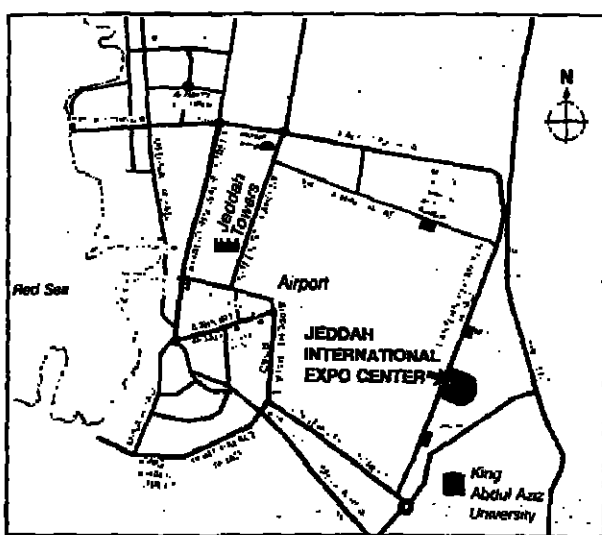
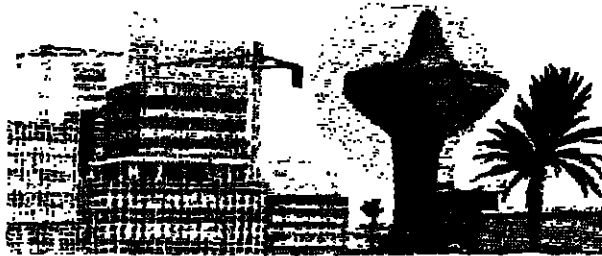
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Bond called on Swiss road contract

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Jan. 18 — A Swiss consortium working on a government road project here has lost its performance bond.

Saudi Business, published Saturday, reports the consortium, Gesteb, won a SR74 million road construction contract from the Ministry of Communications in 1976. Inflation, the rise of the Swiss franc and, under-

bidding in the first place, combined to bring disaster when last October the ministry finally called the bond.

As a consequence of the consortium's difficulties here one member has been declared bankrupt back home and negotiations are under way for Swiss creditors to write off some of the debts of the others. Total loss may run up to SR40 million in the Kingdom, and Saudi Arabian creditors may lose SR7 million.

The consortium was formed in 1975 by the firms Luini et Chabod, Foretay, Martin et Cie, Jean Jean Spinedi, Dupuis et Dussex and

Toyota car sales top 500,000 in Kingdom

TOKYO, Jan. 18 — Toyota Motor Sales, the marketing arm of Toyota Motor Company, says that car sales in the Saudi Arabian market have topped the 500,000 unit mark since they began 25 years ago.

Saudi Arabia has become the company's third overseas market where sales have one above the 500,000 unit level, following the U.S. and Australia.

For Riyadh water line

Japanese win Jubail pipe deal

TOKYO, Jan. 18 (R) — A group of four Japanese steel firms has reached basic agreement to export to Saudi Arabia about 260,000 tons of steel pipes worth nearly \$243 million for the Jubail to Riyadh pipeline.

The firms, Nippon Steel, Sumitomo Metal Industries, Nippon Kokan KK and Kawasaki

Taif to Riyadh highway

Carboster. The group was set up to tender exclusively in Saudi Arabia.

Its first and only contract was for work on one of the four sections of the new Taif to Riyadh highway. The award was to build some 121 kilometers of road in the section closest to Jeddah, starting at the settlement of Zalim 200 kilometers outside Taif.

With unexpected inflation in Saudi Arabia was the rise of the Swiss franc. It was worth SR1.40 when the contract was signed. It has now gone up to SR2.10.

Perhaps a third of the staff on site were Swiss, with their salaries denominated in francs. There were as many as 50 Swiss and other Europeans in the Kingdom at some points.

A year ago the consortium informed the ministry that it would be unable to complete the contract. Later in the year the ministry wrote to Citibank in Riyadh, which posted the bond, calling the bond. The letter said that the demand was being made because the company still had debts in the Kingdom. Citibank protested that the bond was not a financial guarantee. Eventually in October a second letter was written, giving as the law allows no reason, and Citibank paid SR7.435 million.

A senior official of Citibank in Riyadh last week confirmed that the performance bond had been paid, and the bank is now trying to recover the indemnity from the former members of the Gesteb consortium. A bond will only be issued if a bank is given a counter-guarantee.

The Gesteb bond was guaranteed by the parent companies in Switzerland, and the

Swiss organization of Citibank is at work on recovery.

It was Citibank's second lost performance bond in a year. The bank had earlier paid out on a bond of slightly over \$2 million issued for Ernst, an American firm subcontracting to Saudi Tarmac on the installation of air conditioning in a Ministry of Defense and Aviation building in Riyadh. That bond was issued on the same terms as one given for the government, and the bank is also trying to recover the money for it.

The law specifies that a performance bond must be posted within ten days of a contract award. It can be either as cash, check, a guarantee from a Saudi bank, a guarantee through a Saudi bank by a foreign bank or a guarantee by insurance companies. It is returned when work is complete, although a contractor's liability can extend up to ten years. It is due in every aspect of government work except consultancy, direct purchase and spare part purchase. When it is called, the government need give no reason.

A bond must now be five per cent of a contract's value. When the Gesteb contract was let it was ten.

Gesteb was finally taken off the job, and the Saudi company Al-Haramain was called in for the final six months of work. The Gesteb consortium meanwhile collapsed.

Jean Spinedi, one of the founder companies, was pronounced bankrupt in court in Lausanne in October. The bankruptcy, it is said, was solely a result of the firm's Saudi involvement. Under Swiss law, the consortium was automatically dissolved, as all members have unlimited responsibility. The group's creditors in Switzerland are now negotiating writing off much of the company's debts; on those negotiations depend whether or not perhaps another two of the firms will go under.

An official of the group is in the Kingdom, under the practice of at least one representative or guarantor being forbidden to leave while money is still outstanding.

Ahli, Ittihad draw

JEDDAH, Jan. 18 (SPA) — Al-Ahli and Al-Ittihad, Jeddah's leading soccer teams, fought to a goalless draw in an unexciting match here Friday.

Economy Minister Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khalil in which he told us the good news about the Saudization of the First National City Bank. It is part of government plans to Saudize all foreign banks operating in the country.

The paper said the capital of the Saudized bank will be SR300 million, which will be available for public subscription once the Council of Ministers has approved the plan and the names of the founding members.

Such reports are good news for all the public, and especially for the less well off, because of the possibilities for them to make some more or less guaranteed money.

We therefore hope that the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency will soon fix the lowest and the highest amount of subscription permissible, so that we may avoid the fruitful results that accompanied the Saudization of another bank.

To be more precise, people, especially those of limited income, hope that maximum number of shares will be fixed for those who can afford them, and lower numbers will be offered to those who can't. Then the rest may be made available to the wealthy subscribers with a maximum number of shares fixed in advance. These numbers may be reduced if the number of subscribers exceeds expectations, because this category has other chances and more scope for making money.

Saudi Comment

writer commented on the events in Afghanistan. He said,

Arab rulers and governments which have befriended the Soviet Union for long and so closely should learn a lesson from the events in Afghanistan. Those who let the Soviets into their country in any form or who accept economic and military aid should be wary. This aid is no more than a bait to bolster Soviet influence and prepare its infiltration and eventually, complete domination.

The fate of President Hafizullah Amin is instructive. He was their friend. They helped him to power by force, and then executed him and all the members of his family, including his four wives and 24 children, in a brutal massacre. He was overthrown and some one else was brought in to replace him.

We do not know what evil plans the Soviets are harboring for their Arab and Muslim friends. But we doubt if their fate will be any better than those of Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Afghanistan.

By Abdullah Omar Khayyat
Al-Jazirah

A few days Al-Jazirah newspaper published a statement by Finance and National



Sheikh Hussein Mansouri

Further 700 km of highway will wrap up plan

RIYADH, Jan. 18 (SPA) — Minister of Communications Sheikh Hussein Mansouri says that in the remaining months of the Kingdom's Second Plan a further 700 kilometers of asphalt road will be built.

In addition to that, 1,400 kilometers of unmetalled farm roads will be constructed, adding to the total length of road laid during the first four and a half years of the plan 8,700 kilometers of tarmac and 14,229 of unmetalled road.

The ministry's plan called for the construction of 13,066 kilometers of asphalt road and 10,250 kilometers of farm roads. By the end of the plan 9,400 kilometers of asphalt roads, 72 per cent of the target, and 15,624 kilometers of farm roads, 149 per cent of the target, will be completed, Sheikh Hussein said.

At the end of the first Plan in 1975 there were 12,169 kilometers of asphalted roads in the Kingdom and 8,077 of unmetalled roads.

That means there is now a total 20,869 kilometers of metal roads and 22,306 of unmetalled roads in the Kingdom.

Sheikh Hussein also said that work will begin on the project to recommitment the Hejaz Railway as soon as cost evaluations are completed.

The railway, opened in 1908 for the Sublime Porte, was destroyed by T.E. Lawrence and the Arab armies in 1917 in guerrilla operations against the Turks. It ran from Damascus to Medina, and plans being prepared by the governments of Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Syria anticipate its being reconstructed on standard gauge to link the Kingdom with the railway systems of Europe.

All that remains of the line is the stretch from Damascus to Maan in southern Jordan, with a spur used for goods traffic to Aqaba. Estimates of the cost of reconstruction have run as high as \$500 million.

WEATHER

It will be cloudy in the northern region and parts of the central and eastern regions, with scattered showers likely to develop into thunder storms in the north. Winds will mostly westerly and moderate, raising some dust.

It will be moderate in the western and southwestern areas, which will be covered by medium to low cloud causing showers, especially in the highlands.

Winds will be mostly western to north-westerly and slow to moderate.

Territorial waters will be calm in the evening, choppy during the day.

Friday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)

Mecca	30	19
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Dhahran	17	8
Medina	26	12
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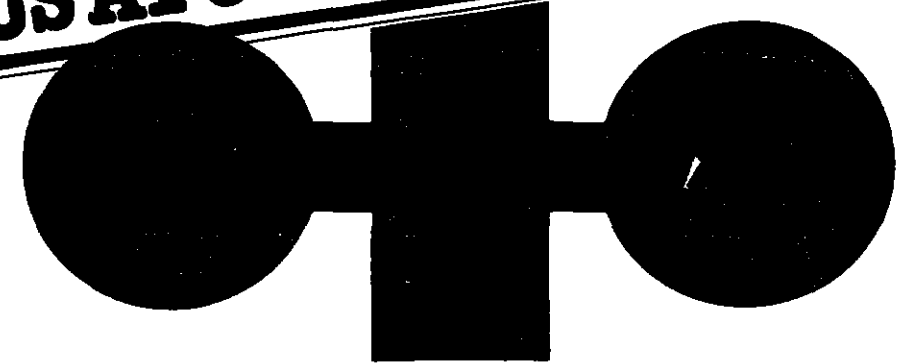
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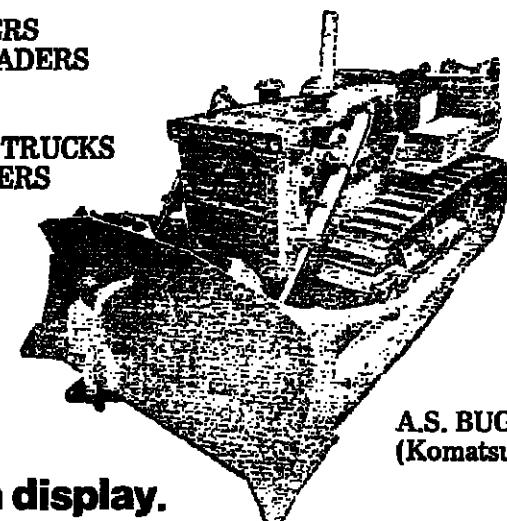
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Assad stresses reforms, defense

DAMASCUS, Jan. 18 (Agencies) — President Hafez Assad has told his new government that Syria needed internal reforms and the continued development of its defensive power against Israel.

Addressing the new 37 member government sworn in Thursday, Assad urged the cabinet to make every effort to solve problems facing their countrymen and to stamp out middlemen.

The new team was formed against a background of economic discontent and widespread violence in the country.

Almost half the cabinet is made up of young technocrats chosen to introduce long-promised internal reforms following a press campaign against corruption and inefficiency.

Diplomats said the appointment of a new interior minister Maj-Gen. Nasreddin Nasser, was likely to mean fresh moves against a wave of assassinations and other acts of violence which killed an estimated 120 persons in the past six months.

On foreign policy, Assad said: "We will continue to make efforts to develop our defensive power in a manner enabling us to confront the usurping enemy whatever the burden encountered."

"The imperialist conspiracy to which we are exposed is big and aimed at our security and imposing Israeli hegemony over the region," Assad added.

His speech coincided with Israeli Premier Menachem Begin's statement in parliament Thursday that the Soviet Union had sent both men and sophisticated weapons to Syria, Libya and South Yemen.

In a separate development, Assad Thursday launched a fresh effort to reconcile Libya and the Palestine Liberation Organization, official sources reported.

Assad discussed the conflict in two separate meetings with Libyan Foreign Minister Ali Triki and PLO leader Yasser Arafat who drove into Damascus from Beirut earlier in the day.

Prosecutor murdered in Turkey

ANKARA, Jan. 18 (R) — A public prosecutor in Turkey's north central Anatolian province of Tokat was shot dead by unknown assailants Wednesday night, Turkish radio said Thursday. Prosecutor Ilhan Aktas was shot in a street in the small township of Artova and died later in hospital. Political violence in Turkey has claimed about 2,600 lives in the past two years.

Meanwhile, Premier Suleyman Demirel's right-wing government suffered its first major defeat in parliament Tuesday night when a former coalition partner, the Islamic National Salvation Party (NSP), voted with the left-wing opposition.

It was the first time the NSP had voted against the two-month-old minority government.

The vote was on part of a controversial security bill Demirel hopes will reduce Turkey's daily toll of political killings.

Turkey's armed forces commanders, hinting at a possible military coup, called on all political parties two weeks ago to back the government on the security issue.

The voting went 196 to 178 against the ruling Justice Party on a clause of the security bill which would allow security forces to search premises without warrants and give civilian authorities the right to postpone planned demonstrations.

The NSP felt the clause would restrict civil liberties, party sources said.

Zia's right to hold power expired, Asghar Khan's attorney tells court

ISLAMABAD, Jan. 18 (AP) — The Lahore High Court Thursday began hearing a petition claiming the right of President Mohammad Zia Ul-Haq to hold power has expired, and seeking national elections immediately.

The writ petition was filed by Air Marshal Asghar Khan, former commander in chief of the Pakistan Air Force, who now leads the banned Tehrik-e-Istiklal (Islamic Solidarity) Party.

The Tehrik-e-Istiklal, together with all other political parties, were banned last October by Zia, who banned all political activities and indefinitely postponed elections scheduled for November.

Asghar and several other political leaders are under detention.

Asghar Khan's principal attorney, Mian Mahmud Ali Kasuri, stated in court that, according to a 1977 supreme court judgment, the present government is empowered to hold office for only a short period.

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AFGHAN REBELS: Afghanistan rebels seen gathering in the country's western mountains to prepare for an attack on the Soviet-backed government troops.

Tel Aviv minister ends Cairo talks

Egypt, Israel firms may explore for Sinai oil

CAIRO, Jan. 18 (AP) — Egyptian and Israeli oil exploration firms may undertake joint ventures in the search for oil in the Sinai Desert soon, Israel's Energy Minister has suggested.

Yitzhak Modai, concluding five days of talks here, said Thursday the possibility would arise after the normalization of relations between the two countries comes into effect Jan. 26.

"They will look into whatever possibilities may be available then," Modai said. The Egyptian minister of petroleum, nodded approval during the joint press conference.

Should Israeli firms make the move they would be competing with more than a half-dozen international firms presently engaged in oil exploration in Egypt.

Modai conceded that Israel was not known internationally for its expertise in oil exploration, but said that the Israeli firms had gained "experience and plenty of data" from the operation of Egyptian oil wells during the occupation of the Sinai Desert.

"We know part of the area, we have been working there, we know of possible prospects there and... If the Egyptian authorities find it beneficial to them we may cooperate," Modai said, adding that he was "sure there would be no restrictions" on Israeli firms.

During his visit here, Modai also put the final touches on what he termed "technical arrangements" for Egyptian oil supplies to Israel.

Egypt is committed to sell Israel a total of two million tons (about 15 million 42-gallon barrels) of oil annually in the context of the peace agreement between the two countries. The first shipment of Egyptian oil reached Israel in December.

The deal was made after Israel returned

Egypt police detain leftists

CAIRO, Jan. 18 (AP) — Egypt's small leftist party claimed Friday that ten of their active members and 40 sympathizers have been detained by the police.

Khaled Mohieddine, who heads the Progressive Nationalist Union, said the detentions were made at dawn Tuesday, the day his party planned a rally to commemorate the birthday of the late President Gamal Abdul Nasser.

But Mohieddine pointed out in a telephone interview that no charges have been pressed yet against those detained. Names of those arrested were listed in a party press release circulated to news agencies.

Minister of Interior (police) Nebawi Ismail in a recent statement to parliament accused "local Communists" of trying to undermine national unity in Egypt.

Zia's government took over power under martial law, by ousting former Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto in July 1977. He later was executed. The supreme court permitted the Zia administration to continue on the basis of its pledge to hold national elections within the shortest possible time.

Kasuri claimed this pledge has been constantly violated by the government.

The postponement of elections means the government plans to continue in office indefinitely, he claimed, alleging "there has been a systematic approach to absolute authority." In view of this, the supreme court's permission for the government to continue in office has expired, he said.

Kasuri requested the court to revise the supreme court judgement and ask the government to vacate office after immediately holding elections for the national assembly and four legislatures for the provinces of Punjab, Sindh, Baluchistan and the northwest frontier.

The court will continue proceedings Jan. 19.

Earlier Thursday, the high court in Karachi directed the government to present evidence on the basis of which the wife and daughter of Bhutto are being kept under detention.

Nusrat Bhutto and her daughter Benazir were ordered under house arrest Oct. 16, when Zia banned all political activities and put off elections indefinitely.

The two women say they are not engaged in any such activities, nor do they plan any anti-government agitation.

The two are detained in the Bhutto family home at Larkana, in southern Pakistan. Their case is being pleaded by attorney Abdul Hafiz Pirzada, former finance minister in the Bhutto cabinet.

The proceedings will continue Feb. 3.

Arafat's visit to Iran confirmed

BEIRUT, Jan. 18 (AP) — Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat is to visit Iran for a meeting with religious leader Ayatollah Khomeini, PLO spokesman Mahmoud Labadi has said.

He confirmed a report in the Beirut newspaper *Al-Liwa* which said Arafat was

expected in Iran this month but said he did not know when the trip will take place.

"Of course it is in his (Arafat's) plans but God only knows when. We still have no confirmation on the date of the visit. It might be in a week, a month or a year," said Labadi.

Damascus Aeroflot office bombed

DAMASCUS, Jan. 18 (R) — An explosion at the main office of the Soviet Airline Aeroflot here Wednesday night caused material damage but no casualties.

official sources said. The sources said the appropriate authorities were investigating the incident. No other details were immediately available.

Nur expecting a baby in March

AMMAN, Jan. 18 (R) — King Hussein of Jordan's wife, Queen Nur, is expecting a child in March, the royal family physician has announced. The queen, the former Lisa Halaby, married the king in June, 1978, a pregnancy announced last year ended in a miscarriage in March.

The 28-year-old queen is the daughter of Najib Halaby, an American of Arab extraction who was formerly head of the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and president of Pan-American World Airways.

Kuwait expels 18,000 in 3 months

KUWAIT, Jan. 18 (R) — Kuwait has expelled about 18,000 foreigners from the country in the past three months, security chief brigadier Muhammad al-Hamad said in an interview published Thursday.

He told the weekly newspaper *Al-Hadaf* that 200 to 250 people were expelled every day for illegal entry or failure to obtain residence permits. He said that none of the expulsion had a political motive.

2 Arabs given 20 years in Israel

GAZA, Jan. 18 (R) — An Israeli military court sentenced two young Palestinian commandos Thursday to 20 years imprisonment for sabotage, planting

explosives and for having received weapons training in Syria. The prosecutor said they caused an explosion which severely damaged a bank in Gaza last May.

Klibi to visit Vienna tomorrow

VIENNA, Jan. 18 (R) — Arab League Secretary General Cheddi Klibi will pay a two-day official visit to Vienna starting on Sunday, the foreign ministry said Friday.

Klibi is scheduled to meet Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky Monday and Foreign Minister Willibald Pahr Tuesday.

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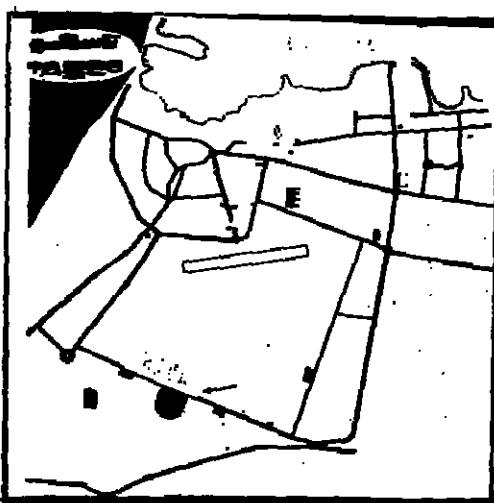
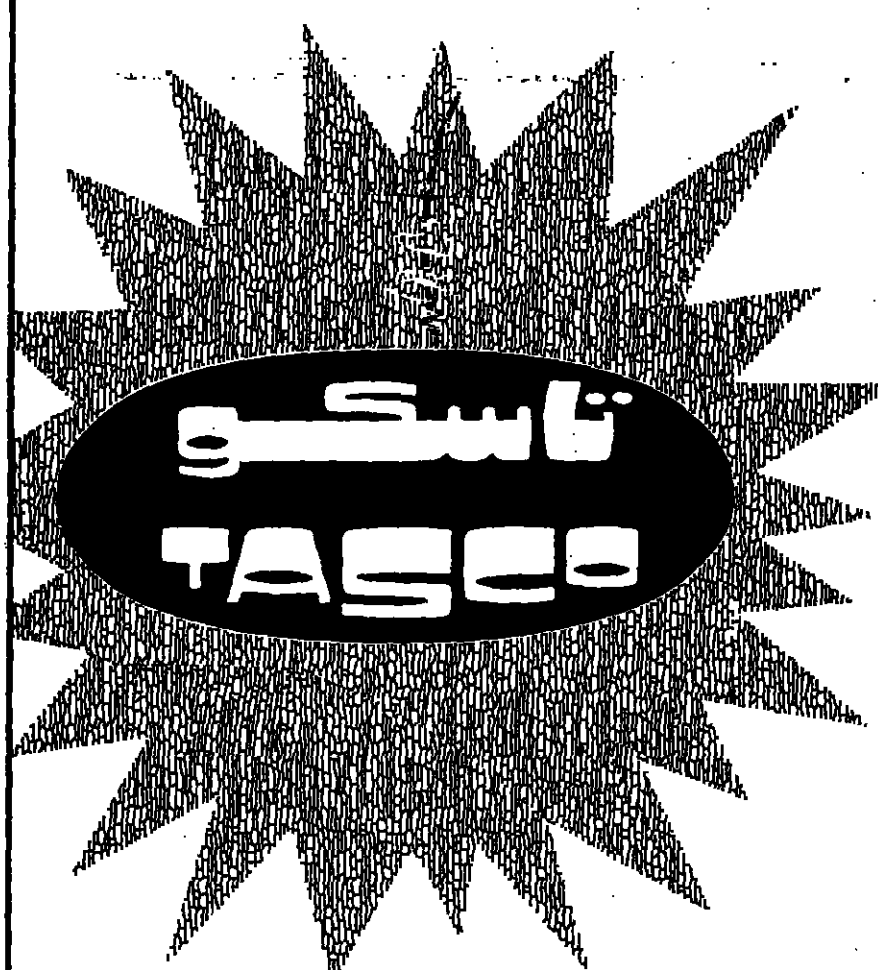
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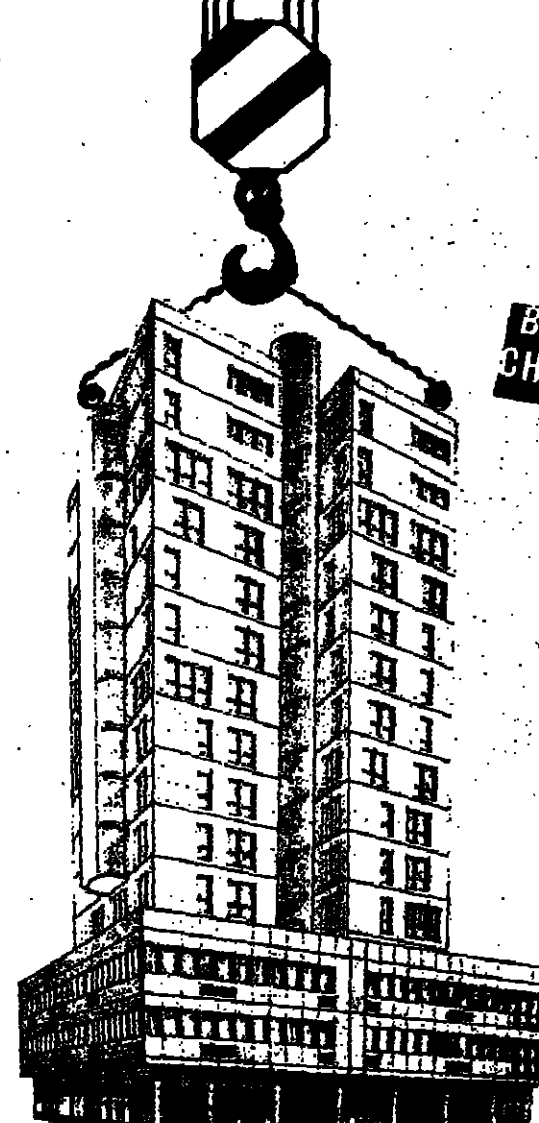
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Riyadh's culture center opens with Serti

By Joyce Prince

RIYADH — For those who enjoy rare and beautiful art, an exhibition from Jan. 24 through Jan. 31 you will not want to miss.

The Saudi Art and Culture Center of Riyadh, will open the doors of its new quarters for the first time, Saturday Jan. 18. The Center will host a display of some 25 hand painted, original works done on silk. The "Serti" technique, exhibited by Daniele Proner Jarolimek, is a revitalization of an old art form.

Although the technique of "Serti" (painting on silk) originated in Indonesia in about the 16th Century, it was perfected in France.

It is thought to have been discovered about the same time as "Batik" but, because of the

many undesirable problems found in the color application, it was neglected.

Under Louis XIV, artists tried to paint with oil using gouache and detrempte but the fabrics were too heavy and the paints unpenetrating. The colors hung heavily upon the material making it impossible to drape. Some examples of this form, representing the War of Independence in the United States; may be seen at the Garde Meubles Nationale in Paris.

The Serti technique differs from the famous Chinese and Japanese silk painting as the latter are done on silk with India ink and water colors.

At the end of the last century, France perfected dyes which allowed the color to penetrate the fabric, leaving it soft and flexible. These new dyes changed the technique from

an obscure, difficult art form to a beautiful and workable way of painting.

Daniele Proner Jarolimek was born in France. Coming from a home of art lovers, her father and mother were both teachers of art, her parents encouraged her obvious talent. Studying at the Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Beaux Arts and then in Prague, she studied to be an art teacher.

Not completely satisfied with this she moved on to engraving but "I was not really happy with engraving."

Serti is a French verb meaning to grasp, to hold or to frame. The meaning refers to the holding in of the paint upon the silk. It is not a craft. It is a way of drawing that must be studied and practiced for many years. It is similar to batik in that both techniques apply white lines (glue and wax) to hold the color and keep it from spreading.

"The technique is not well known," Daniele says "and therefore the method is generally passed from one individual to another."

The process certainly is not easy. One must have an innate ability to draw, for most designs are drawn free hand from a picture,

'The technique is not well known, and therefore the method is generally passed from one individual to another.'

from sketches, or from the mind, directly on to the stretched horizontal piece of white, very thin silk.

The silk must be horizontal until the work is completed. Because the artist is never able to judge scale by standing back away from the work, perspective is often distorted, and the artist must rely entirely on instinct and practice.

On the stretched silk, the design is generally drawn free hand with a form of white glue made from the secretion of a Malaysian flower. "This glue acts as a fence, keeping only the desired color for that specific area within its barrier, causing a white line of separation between each shape."

The cost of Daniele's works range from small pieces for 200 SR to 2500 SR for the large works.

The paintings may be seen at the Riyadh Saudi Art and Culture Center in the Public Garden on Khazzan Street, very near the Riyadh Water Tower. Hours of the exhibit are 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Friday for ladies only.

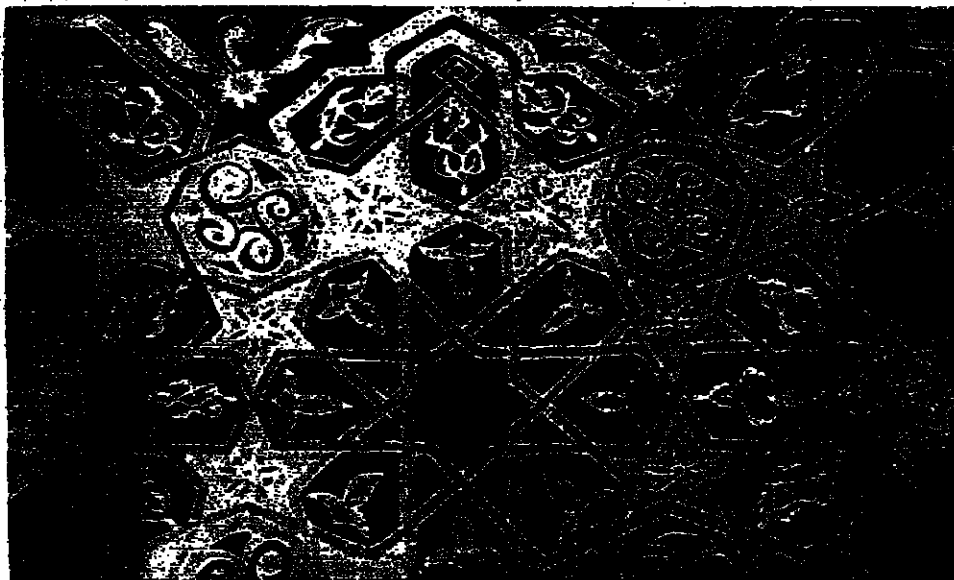


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SIGNS OF MODERATION

Signs of a possible solution for the crisis over the American hostages held in Tehran have begun to appear again. The pressure of events in the area, especially the danger to it represented by the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, might have shown the Iranians the futility of fabricating crisis while real ones threaten to get out of hand.

The main indication came with Iran's acceptance of U.N. General Secretary Kurt Waldheim as a mediator. The second was that the Iranian regime was able, for the first time and albeit still not very decisively, to present its position in official, written form. Before that, the Iranian position was always verbal and unofficial.

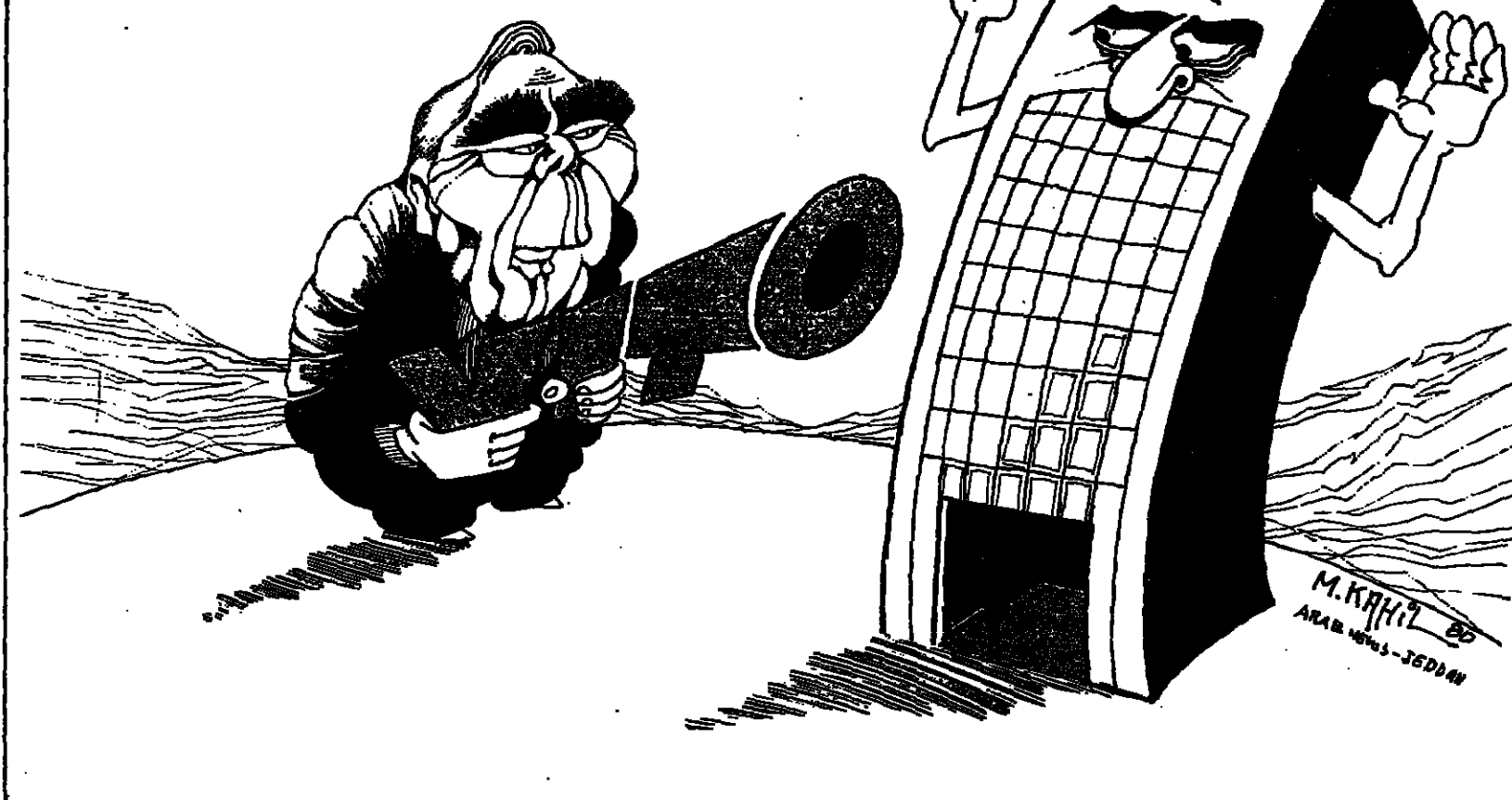
There is of course no guarantee that all this will lead to a speedy solution. Waldheim after all is still smarting from the rough ride he had in Tehran on his visit. Yet, at the very least, he will be able now to present the United States with an official document setting Iran's terms, so that indirect negotiations can start.

Iran's position, so far as it can be ascertained, has changed a great deal. It no longer insists on the surrender of the deposed Shah and his property as the condition for the release of the hostages. But the real problem Waldheim will face concerns not the condition itself but the evident diversity of views in the Iranian leadership over the handling of the question of the hostages.

The two main camps appear still to be those of the students in actual control of the American embassy where the hostages are held, and the more amenable line represented by the Iranian Foreign Minister Sadegh Gotbzadeh. The strength of the students, however, comes from the (now tacit) support for their hard line by Ayatollah Khomeini.

The present foreign minister has the support of his predecessor, Abul Hassan Bani Sadr, who had to relinquish his post because of a stand similar to that of the present minister. But Bani Sadr's star seems to be once more in the ascendant, being now one of the major candidates for the position of president of the Islamic Republic.

It is agreed that one statement from Khomeini could undo all the progress achieved so far. This is of course true, yet it is significant that such a statement has not yet been made. The Ayatollah's silence, until it is broken one way or the other, could be interpreted as a green light for the more moderate line to make its bid.



China glees as Russia steps into Afghan quagmire

By Dennis Bloodworth

SINGAPORE — After loudly charging America, China and Japan with ganging up to "encircle" the Soviet Far East, the apprehensive Russians have now pulled strings in Afghanistan that may jerk the three Pacific giants closer together than ever before.

During the unprecedented visit to Peking of U.S. Defense Secretary Harold Brown, which has brought new prospects of strategic cooperation against Moscow sharply into focus, Vice-Premier Deng Xiaoping last week proposed that China and the U.S. join other countries in a multinational alliance to contain what a Chinese spokesman earlier called "the Soviet Union's imperialist aggression and expansionist ambitions." On his side, Brown stressed the need for tighter coordination between Peking and Washington and warned "other" nations that if they threatened Sino-American interests, "we can respond with complementary actions in the fields of defense as well as diplomacy."

The Americans disclosed that they were now prepared to sell "defense-related technology" to China while denying it to the Russians. It was then announced that the U.S. was to provide the People's Republic — the only Communist state to get one — with a sophisticated ground receiving station linked to the American satellite Landsat-D, which would be capable of monitoring Soviet and Vietnamese bases and troop movements across China's sensitive borders.

Harold Brown's round of talks followed the visit last month of Premier Masayoshi Ohira of Japan. The yield from that tour was a one-and-a-half billion dollar construction loan from Tokyo, the promise of preferential tariff treatment for Peking from April, and plans for regular annual Sino-Japanese consultations and scientific and technical cooperation. Despite all denials, the disconcerted Russians described the visit as "suspicious", and closer Sino-Japanese ties as "an exceptionally grave menace to the cause of peace" that could lead to a military partnership.

Relations between Moscow and Tokyo had already turned sour. Worried by the "energetic" Soviet naval buildup in the Far East and the garrisoning of the Kurile Islands, which Moscow refuses to return to Tokyo, Ohira set out last year to strengthen Japan's "self-defense forces," while cherishing its security treaty with the U.S. The Japanese Defense Agency called for an increase of nearly 10 per cent in the military budget for 1980, when for the first time Japanese warships and planes will take part in joint annual exercises with American and Commonwealth navies in the Pacific.

Now Japan has publicly deplored the Soviet seizure of Afghanistan, and the cabinet has decided to suspend all economic aid to Kabul (worth about three-and-a-half million dollars). It is cautiously studying options that could include withholding massive semi-official funds earmarked for the joint Russo-Japanese development of Siberia, and blocking high-technology exports to the USSR.

Brown's visit to Peking has also coincided with that of Egyptian Vice-President Hosni Mubarak who has agreed to the creation of joint Sino-Egyptian military and economic sub-committees for developing closer cooperation. These promise

to be more than talk shows. China is ready to send arms to Cairo (including its latest home-made jets). Cairo is ready to train Afghan rebels and has offered military facilities to any other country that will help them, and the Chinese are reported to be arming and training Afghan guerrillas in the Pamir region, where their military advisers are active on the ground.

China has supported the U.S. stand on Afghanistan in and out of the Security Council, and Peking's moves fit into a pattern of Sino-American "complementary action."

Like the U.S., China is anxious to see Pakistan better armed against the Russian military menace on its frontier, especially as the electoral victory of Mrs. Indira Gandhi presages warmer relations between New Delhi and Moscow. It has been mooted that Peking may therefore pick up the bills and pay cash for U.S. weapons delivered to Islamabad, as Washington cannot grant military credit to a country developing a "nuclear capability."

But above all China wants to see the Russians bogged down in an Afghan quagmire, while their Vietnamese proxies are bogged down in a Cambodian one. And the division of labor may be the same in each case: to the west, China arms Afghan guerrillas, while the U.S. pours weapons into a vulnerable neighboring Pakistan faced with dire Soviet warnings against harboring Afghan "rebels", and to the east, China arms Khmer guerrillas, while the U.S. pours weapons into a vulnerable neighboring Thailand faced with dire Vietnamese warnings against harboring Khmer "rebels".

That is not all. The Chinese have already compelled the overstretched Vietnamese to watch their

backs, and so pull their punches in Cambodia, by invading North Vietnam last year and thereafter threatening to repeat the "lesson" at any moment. And now that Moscow is committed to outflanking worldwide indignation while stamping on the intransigent Afghans, Peking can move in and "punish" the Vietnamese again with far less risk of Russian reprisals than before.

Moreover, the scenario in which the Soviets would counter with an operation against Xinjiang, the exposed "far west" of the People's Republic where Muslim minorities live on both sides of the Sino-Soviet frontier, may have been dramatically inverted. One year ago the Russians could still subvert discontented tribesmen inside China, but having incurred the wrath of Islam by brutally invading Afghanistan, their first concern must now be to keep the loyalty of some fifty million of the faithful living on their own side of the fence.

For China, therefore, the Russian rape of Afghanistan opens a boxful of options at a moment when Peking's repetitive outpourings against Soviet "hegemonism" and the follies of détente are suddenly proving justified, the name of Russia is mud in the Muslim world, the USSR will be in the dock in the U.N. General Assembly, the pernicious SALT II has been shelved, and the Americans are courting China's cooperation while turning the screw on the Soviet Union.

The Chinese may worry about the security of Pakistan, claim that bestial Soviet aggression threatens China itself, the Indian Ocean, and Middle East oil. But it is hard to avoid the suspicion that, while they may wring their hands in public, they are rubbing them in private. (OFNS)

Spy war across the Atlantic

By Chris Morgenson

STOCKHOLM — Relations between Sweden and Poland have been severely strained by the arrest in the space of just one month (between November and December) of 24 Poles in Sweden on suspicion of spying.

The Polish embassy here circulated an article from Poland's Interpress Agency accusing SAPO, the Swedish security police, of physically and psychologically abusing the Poles before deporting them.

Most of the article centered on an interview with one of the deported Poles identified only as "Eva". It was written by Rudolf Hoffman, former Stockholm correspondent for Interpress and the newspaper *Zycie Warszawy*.

Eva told him of the alleged abuse and claimed that one of her friends was kicked in the stomach by a security policeman.

An earlier article in *Zycie Warszawy*, by editor Adam Wysoki, said it was to be hoped that the recent wave of arrests would not endanger visa-free travel between Sweden and Poland.

"The periodic deliberately inspired witch-hunt carried out by a major portion of the Swedish press, radio and television... is led by the notorious secret police SAPO who, maybe angered by a series of

failures and the tide of criticism of their activities by their own society, are seeking to take their revenge on Polish tourists," wrote Wysoki.

There has been insufficient evidence to charge any of the Poles with espionage. Most claimed to be touring Sweden, selling art prints imported from Hong Kong, but SAPO says maps marking the sites of Swedish military installations have been found with the art prints.

According to SAPO, groups of Poles covered the entire country but were coordinated from a central office in Stockholm.

The Swedish Foreign Office, questioned about the incidents, said that the arrests were purely a police matter. A spokesman was anxious to point out that they had no connection with the deportation last August of two diplomats from the Polish embassy accused of industrial espionage, Poland expelled two Swedish diplomats from Warsaw in retaliation.

Most dramatic in the recent wave of arrests was the raid by SAPO on the tiny holiday village of Hokenas, 12 miles from the town of Tidaholm in southern Sweden. SAPO agents broke up a late-night drinking party in one of the holiday cottages to arrest eight Poles after keeping them under observation for several days from another holiday cottage. (OFNS)

Critical decisions about India

By Kevin Rafferty

NEW DELHI —

India is so disturbed by the Soviet takeover of Afghanistan that the government has expressed its "deep concern" and called for the speedy withdrawal of troops. Charan Singh, the prime minister, told the Soviet ambassador that the presence of Soviet troops would have "far-reaching and adverse consequences" for the region.

To an outsider it may not seem much of a protest, but it is a great deal when it is remembered that in 1968 the then prime minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, did not join the United Nations chorus of protest against the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia. "But this time the Russians are virtually at our back door," said one leading Indian analyst.

Criticism of Moscow, however, is matched by equal blame of America for supplying arms to Pakistan and for the rumors that the West is going to bolster further the regime of Gen. Zia Ul-Haq. For the West it is a time for critical decisions about India. Perhaps for the first time in years there is a slender chance of tempting India back to something resembling genuine nonalignment.

Against this is the danger that, if the West supports Pakistan exclusively, it may be left with a tottering Pakistan front-line and an India sympathetic to the Kremlin in the rear.

There is no doubt of New Delhi's worry about the Soviet action in Afghanistan. For centuries the policy of India's rulers has been to guard the integrity of the subcontinent against external attacks.

The Moghul Aurangzeb built a string of forts and sent one of his best generals to protect the North West Frontier of Hindustan against the Mongol invaders. Much later the British tried to maintain an Afghanistan buffer state against the Tsar's encroachments from the north. The new Afghan rulers have already opened the issue of Baluchistan, which could be used against both Pakistan and Iran.

The Indian press has been vociferous in its condemnation of the Kremlin's action and daily reports have told of Soviet troops pouring into Afghanistan.

The problem for the West is that Moscow has already got more than a toe-hold in India itself and will undoubtedly try to improve its position further. Militarily, there are close links between Moscow and New Delhi. In spite of recent heavy orders of British Jaguar aircraft, experts believe it would be difficult for India to do without Soviet equipment particularly of the heavier and more sophisticated items, in which India cannot hope to be self-sufficient for some time.

Economically, the Soviet Union has also cultivated its ties. At one time in the early 1970s, after the signing of the 25-year Indo-Soviet friendship treaty, there was even talk of India joining Comecon, or at least dovetailing its economic planning with Moscow's. Though there is a preference among ordinary Indians for Western or Japanese goods, the neglect by Western business of the slow and red-taped Indian market and the constant Indian slogans of socialism have helped the Soviet Union to sell even inferior products.

Politically, Moscow is extremely strong. Each of the main political parties has at least one leading figure who is not ashamed to be known as pro-Moscow. There is no such pro-America or pro-China lobby, and Britain baiting has become a favorite pastime, particularly over immigration issues. The strength of the pro-Moscow lobby was seen in the outcry over payoffs in the Jaguar deal signed by the Janata government, and it was claimed that the Jaguar was an inferior aircraft. Yet most experts considered that the Jaguar deal was at least as clean as any other military purchase and Indian Air Force commanders praised the fighter. Never has there been such an outcry against Soviet weapons sales.

The natural Indian antipathies to the Kremlin's action in Afghanistan threaten to be swept away by the military prop proffered to Pakistan by Washington.

"Small-arms and ammunition sales to Pakistan I can understand — that's the stuff with which rebellions are made," said one leading Indian sympathetic to the West. "But not bigger stuff like aircraft. Historically, Pakistan arms have always been turned against India. And does Carter really think that Pakistan could stand up to Soviet might?"

In New Delhi it is easy to see the vulnerability of Pakistan. There are many tribal leaders who would be easily persuaded by Soviet arms or money to revive old feuds. The son of executed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto spent two weeks recently in Moscow seeking Soviet help — another live fuse Moscow could easily light.

The prickly Indians are too attached to anti-colonial notions of nonalignment to become pro-Western. The best that could be hoped for would be that they might lead the rest of the nonaligned world to a more evenhanded position, prepared to criticize Moscow as well as Washington, but this would involve neutralizing New Delhi's fears of Peking.

It would also mean making concessions in the North-South dialogue, giving developing countries, especially India, better opportunities. Again, it would mean developing economic and business ties patiently, despite slow-moving bureaucratic India. (OFNS)

saudi press review

Most weekend newspapers led with Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan's inspection tour of the armed forces in northern and southern regions of the country. *Al-Jazirah* splashed in a banner headline Crown Prince Fahd's donation of SR10 million to the families of the Haram martyrs. *Okaz* reported in its lead that the Soviets were concentrating their forces on the Iranian borders.

Al Riyadh reported in a front page story that a delegation of Afghan revolutionaries was on a secret visit to Islamic states to obtain aid for their cause. *Okaz* frontpaged a report on abortive conspiracy against the Khomeini regime who was also reported to have accepted U.N. Secretary General Waldheim's mediation in the U.S. hostage situation. *Al Jazirah* gave front page prominence to the Vienna meetings of

the Finance Ministers of the member states in the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), saying the participants were studying means of making financial cooperation between OPEC countries and those of the Third World more effective and flexible.

In their editorials, newspapers stressed Saudi Arabia's unceasing efforts for peace and stability and said it is not a country which liked or worked for war. Referring to Prince Sultan's visits to the army bases, they said that Saudi Arabian soldiers have not been trained to defend only their country; their duties include service to Islam and Muslims and crucial issues of the nation.

Dealing with Prince Sultan's inspection tour, *Al Jazirah* said his visit was an interaction between the army commands and other

national bases for participation in nation-building activities. Saudi Arabian forces and their sophisticated weapons are not meant to defend the Kingdom alone, but are also reserved to serve Islam and Muslims and their causes, the paper said.

Under the present circumstances, with Arabs and the Muslim world subjected to threats from the big powers, it is necessary that Arab armies, mainly those of Saudi Arabia, be alert and prepared to carry out their responsibilities of defense.

On the same subject *Al Bilad* said that Prince Sultan's visit was evidence that the country's leadership had confidence in the army's capability and was proud of its role in the liberation of Jerusalem. The paper described the armed forces as the army of "right and faith", and hoped it

would always carry out its responsibilities according to the expectations of the nation.

Okaz made it clear that "we are not the propagators of war but we preach peace", and said that Saudi Arabia has proved through its record that it is for peace and stability — not war. At the same time it desires to become self-sufficient in protecting its borders.

In an editorial on the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, *Al Medina* urged Islamic states to take practical stances in harmony with political situations, and said that the Islamic world is more affected by the events of Afghanistan than any other country. As such, the Islamic states were called upon to take resolute measures against the Communist onslaught, it added.

Although the whole world is

concerned with the Soviet invasion and most countries have openly denounced the Soviet action, the paper asked about the future course of action if the Soviets do not respond to the urge of the international community.

In an editorial on Friday, *Okaz* said the Kingdom's increasing concern for the development of the pilgrimage areas emanated from its historic responsibility toward Islam and the Muslims of the world. Saudi Arabia's efforts to boost propagation activities everywhere are not confined to pilgrimage projects but extended beyond to achieve cohesion and coherence among the people of one nation, the paper said. It reaffirmed that the Kingdom would strive for Islamic solidarity making it a strategy for confronting all the challenges now facing the Islamic nation.



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Australian sheep have provided one-third of the world's wool

Australia fair

By a Staff Writer

CANBERRA — Australia, the largest island in the world, eluded the early explorers for centuries.

In 3,000,000 square miles could easily submerge thirty-two Britains, one-and-a-half Europe and most of mainland United States. The land bridge linking Australia with Southeast Asia, it is believed, rose again after its disappearance to allow Australia's first migrants, the Aborigines, to cross it. With them, zoologists speculate, came their companion dog, the dingoo, now Australia's wild dog, whose only known relative appears to have been a long-extinct wolf of India.

While the great civilization of the north, rose, declined and fell, Australia slept. In the 1600s, Dutch, Portuguese, Spanish and British ships came close enough to chart tiny sections of its 23,000-mile coast but it was almost another century before Captain James Cook claimed the island for Britain. Cook went his way, and Australia slept on for another 18 years.

On January 26, 1788, Captain Arthur Phillip sailed into "a remarkably fine harbor, wide and deep" on Australia's eastern coast. From its many bays and inlets, he chose a small cove, fed by a generous stream, and called it Sydney Cove. He landed, and raised the Union Jack.

Captain Phillip arrived with 11 small sailing ships and 1,030 men, women and children. Among them were 700 convicts. They brought to shore food and a few animals and started their tiny settlement. Though Phillip came to establish a prison colony, he thought of the land as "a gem in the British Crown."

At times he saw the young colony slipping to starvation when the supply ships failed to arrive and he feared the earth would not yield. When that happened, Phillip cut the rations,

his own first. Somehow the settlers survived. The earth began to give.

Sick when he left, Phillip said, "nor do I doubt that the country will prove the most valuable acquisition Great Britain has ever made."

At a glance, Australia doesn't quite live up to that optimistic view. Lack of water, unsuitable soil and difficult terrain, have prevented the development of more than 90 per cent of the country. Yet, its sheep, which range in population from about 140 million to 180 million have at times produced one third of the world's wool.

West of Sydney, a mountain range hemmed in the little colony for 23 years. Finally, three men, Blaxland, Lawson and Wentworth, crossed it in 1813 and looked down from the western side on endless, rich pasture. Settlers followed them with their flocks and by 1831 tall-masted ships were taking 2.5 million pounds of wool out of Sydney Cove each year.

Other colonies sprung up around the continent. In 1803, a settlement was established in Hobart, Tasmania, and another on the Brisbane River, Queensland, in 1824. Swan River followed in 1829. Melbourne and Adelaide were founded slightly later.

The colonies were remote outposts and served as bases for further exploration by sailors, soldiers, traders, surveyors, cattle-men and adventurers.

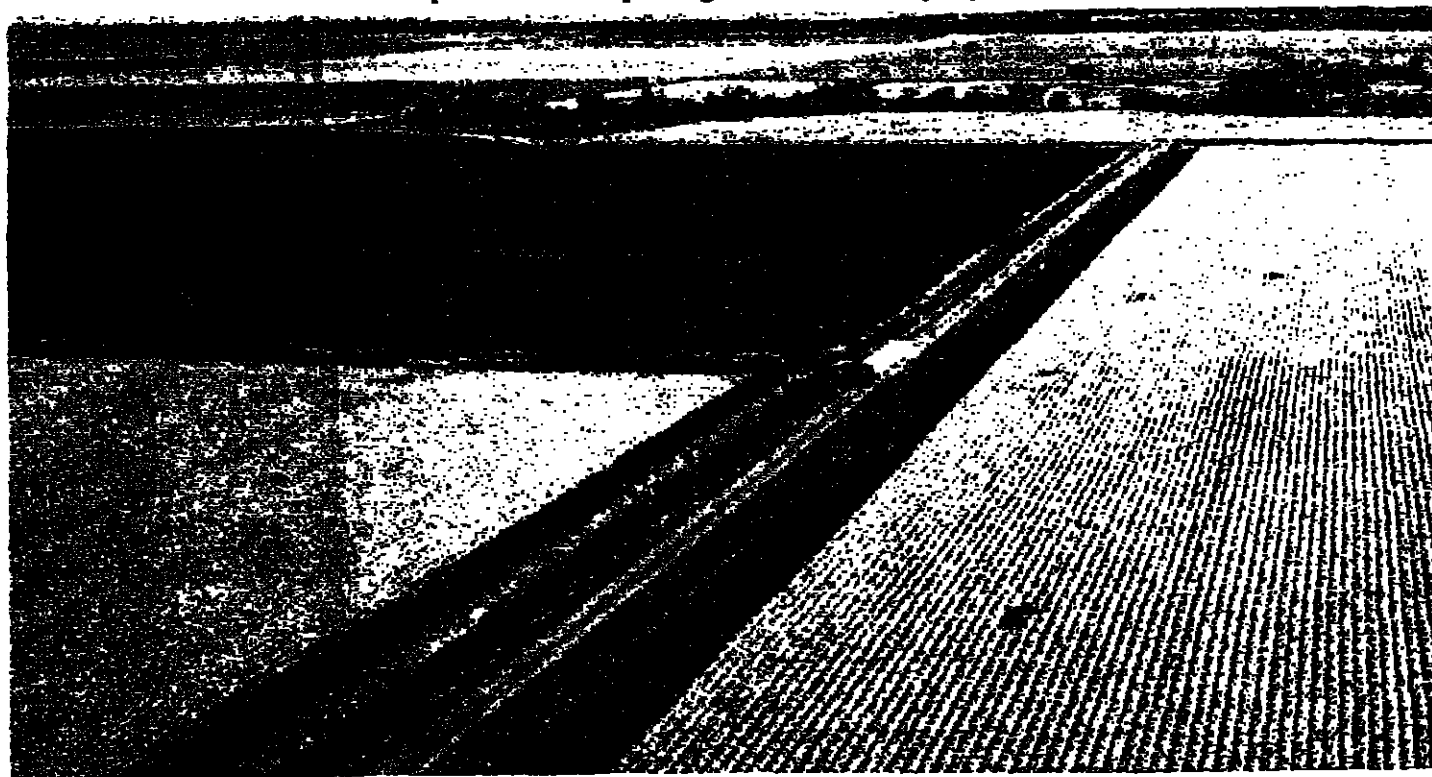
By 1850, it seemed a limit had been reached. Pasture began to dry up. The desert began to reassert itself.

Then, Edward Hargraves found gold. In ten years, the country's population jumped by three-quarters of a million—people and in the next decade, by half a million.

Though for many travellers, Australia is too far away to be reached easily, it is well worth exploring. It is one of the world's last frontiers.



Captain Arthur Phillip raising the Union Jack in Sydney Cove



The furthest of Australia

A Saudi writer's view of the family

By Omar Bagabas

JEDDAH — Luqman Yunes is a different man. In his preface to *From Mecca with Greetings*, he describes the book as nothing more than a collection of re-heated newspaper articles analyzing certain social problems. He assumes the role of a critic and scorns his own work. He delivers an unjust verdict.

The anthology was published in 1963 and includes 13 short stories. One, entitled *Also Muhammad Ali*, is particularly moving. The narrator, presumably Yunes himself, is waiting in Dhahran Airport for a flight. When he sees a group of Saudi pilots, he is suddenly transported back to Taif where his childhood friend Tawfik lives and works.

Tawfik's ambition, as a young man, was to become a pilot. But his father refused to let him go. An old man who had worked hard at establishing a respectable business as a grain seller, he insisted his son follow in his footsteps. The narrator remembers taking up his friend's case and begging the old man to release his son, to no avail.

When the old man died, Tawfik took up the trade, sitting day after day on the floor of the modest shop, sifting the corn, wheat and barley. The narrator remembers visiting his friend and finding him in a deplorable state. He recalls, as he watches the group of Saudi pilots head for the tarmac, how sorry he felt for his friend, frustrated by a narrow-minded parent.

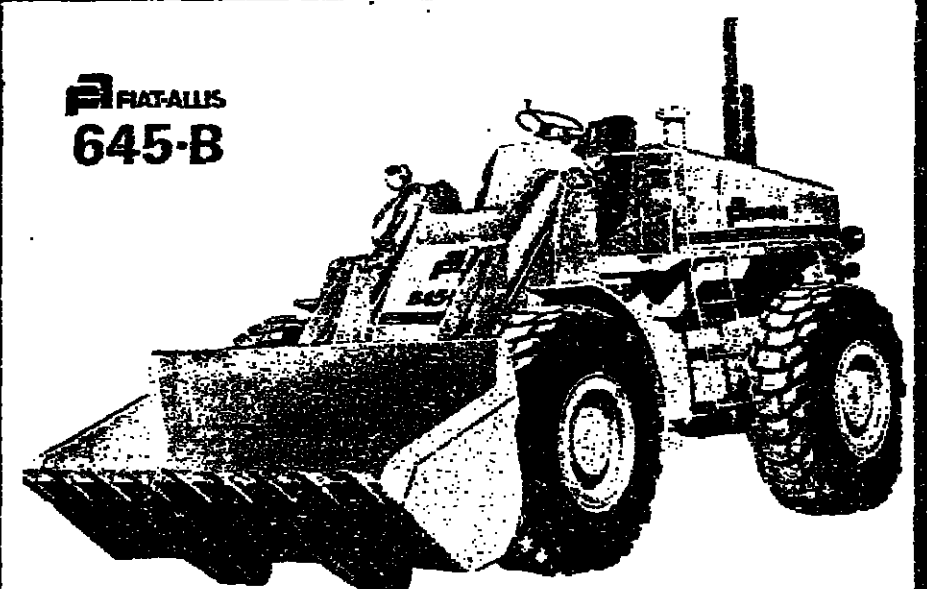
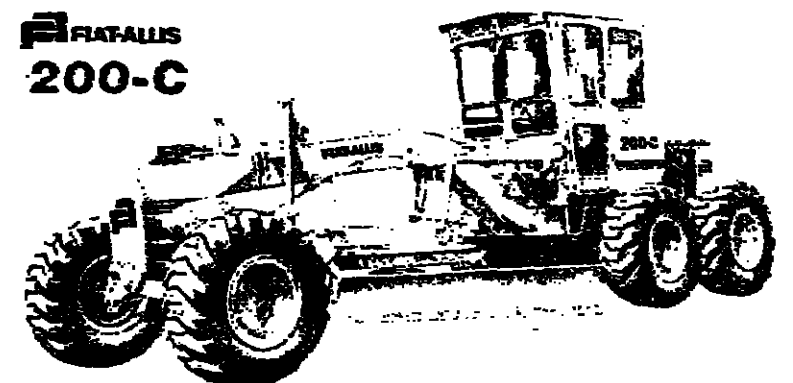
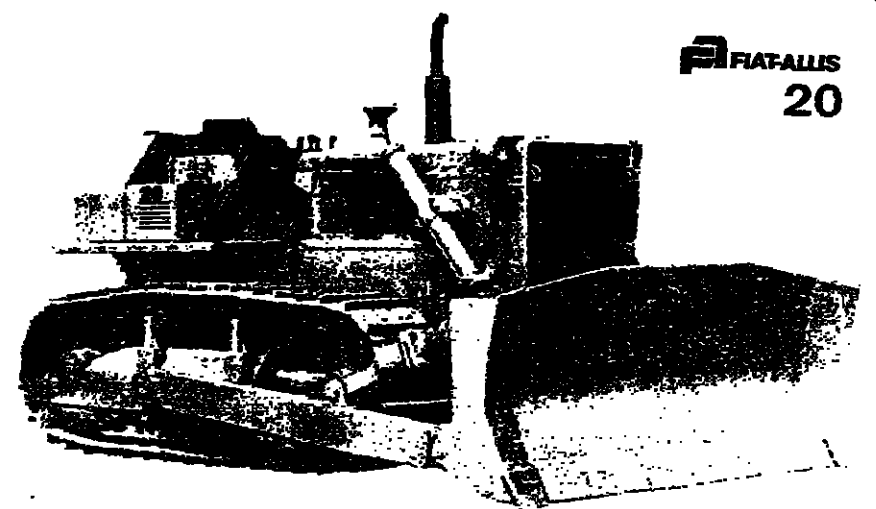
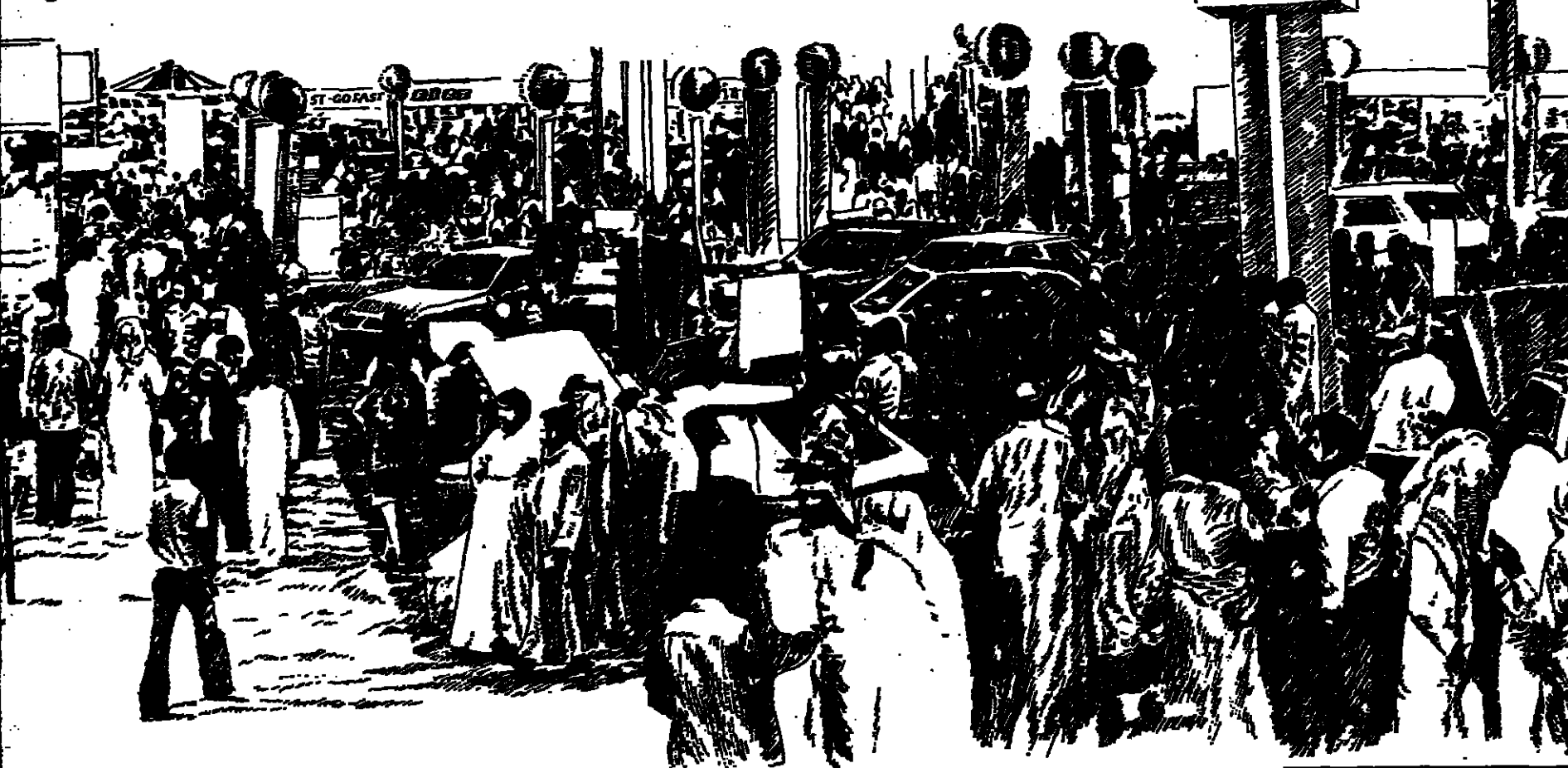
Mothers and sons are the object of Yunes' penetrating study in the story entitled *Making a Mother Happy*. Again, the main character, one Abed Alkaffas confides in the narrator, who is his only friend. His mother, Alkaffas says, has an unnatural power over him. He can do nothing against her will. She uses a magical phrase which renders him powerless.

She chooses a bride for him but quickly becomes jealous of her son's divided affection and orders a divorce. Next, she chooses a widow of a friend who proves to be equally unsatisfactory. Finally she picks a young, naive girl who, after three childless years, is also discarded. By this time, the other families in the community were less than willing to surrender their daughters to the benighted young man. His loneliness and sense of inferiority finally become too much for him to bear and he plunges to his death from a third-floor widow.

Luqman Yunes, in his other stories studies the problem of the bride price, protesting against how prohibitively expensive marriage has become. His works are valuable insights into the problems of Saudi life.

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Police fear 'concentrated' attack Three killed by bomb on Belfast train

BELFAST, Northern Ireland, Jan. 18 (AP) — A bomb has killed three persons in a suburban commuter train just outside Belfast and injured many others, police said.

Police said passengers, burned and blackened by fire, jumped on the track and scrambled up embankments, where householders opened their homes as casualty centers. At least 14 persons were badly injured, in the Thursday night incident, they said.

Bombs were found on two other trains and a Northern Irish Railways spokesman said: "We fear this could be a concentrated attack on the system by the IRA" — the Irish Republican Army guerrillas fighting British rule.

The explosion and fire was on the 5:40

P.M. train carrying mostly office workers from Lisburn, 10 miles south of the capital, to their Belfast homes.

The three-coach train was hit four miles from Belfast, the explosion tearing through the middle coach, starting a fire and panicking the commuters, police said.

"There was no warning — these people had no chance," said a British army spokesman.

The three deaths raised the official toll in the 10½-year Northern Irish conflict to 2,007, including 15 this year.

A second bomb was spotted on another train and carried to the platform at Greenisland, north of Belfast, where it exploded.

Ulster's buses run on time with a Rommel vet in charge

By Ed Blanche

BELFAST, Northern Ireland, Jan. 18 (AP) — A bus driver in Belfast doesn't worry just about making his schedule. He has to worry about staying alive.

After more than 10 years of sectarian strife in Northern Ireland, most bus drivers can tell stories of being beaten or hijacked or robbed. A few have died.

"It's a war situation," says Werner Heubeck, manager of the terrorist-ravaged Ulsterbus system.

But Heubeck knows all about that. He was once an explosives officer in Erwin Rommel's storied Afrika Korps.

Heubeck not only keeps the buses running, but he has made Ulsterbus one of the few profitable public transit systems in Europe — no mean feat considering that some 750 buses have been destroyed by bombs and riots since sectarian strife erupted in 1969.

Heubeck is not sure of the exact number of buses lost.

In war, he says, "you don't count how many fighter planes you've lost. You just calculate whether you've got enough to do what has to be done."

When Irish Republican Army guerrillas bombed Ulsterbus Rathfriland depot in south Belfast a few weeks ago, Heubeck drove 12 buses to safety, past blazing vehicles ripped apart by bombs. He and his drivers saved 51 of the 62 buses there.

The mainly Roman Catholic IRA is fighting to end British rule in protestant-dominated Northern Ireland and reunite it with the Irish Republic, which is overwhelmingly Catholic.

"It was a reasonable risk," the 56-year-old Heubeck said in an interview. "My people told me eight terrorists planted the bombs so I deduced there were probably only eight bombs. That's usually the pattern in these sort of attacks — one terrorist, one bomb."

First reports said there were no injuries.

Police said a third bomb was found on a train halted in Belfast's York Road station and taken to the platform. It did not go off.

Before the train attacks, British soldiers uncovered what the army called a "huge land mine" beside a road in South Armagh, close to the border partitioning Northern Ireland from the Irish Republic.

The army said the mine was made of three gas cylinders, each packed with 50 pounds of explosives, with a detonation wire running to farm house on the border.

It was made harmless by army explosives experts.

He says he has carried 20 or 30 suspected bombs off his blue and white buses — much to the chagrin of the British army's more cautious bomb disposal teams. Only two were live bombs. The others were hoaxes, but Heubeck didn't know that when he picked them up.

"Why do I do these things? Well, it's not heroism," he said. "Having buses immobilized with suspected bombs on board means our efficiency is cut down. It means traffic jams that disrupt schedules and we're in the schedule business."

"...It's risky. You must have fear. That's a very healthy thing. But you must also have reason, know when the risks are not justified."

When vandals repeatedly attacked his buses in east Belfast, Heubeck went to see chiefs of the Ulster Defense Association (UDA), biggest of the province's Protestant street armies, and told them that if the vandalism did not stop, the district would lose its bus service. Within hours, 500 UDA men were parading the streets of the Protestant ghetto and the attacks stopped.

"The real problem is coping with losses — making sure they don't exceed our capability to cope with it," Heubeck said. "The other big problem is protecting my drivers."

Heubeck has managed to keep the bus system alive and profitable by using old buses on high-risk routes, using government compensation for terrorist-caused losses to buy second-hand London double-deckers instead of brand new vehicles and by "always keeping a strategic reserve."

A native of Nuremberg, Heubeck fought for two years in North Africa before he was captured by Montgomery's 8th Army in Tunisia during Rommel's retreat in 1943.

He was shipped to the United States as a prisoner of war, then returned home to work as an interpreter's aide at the Nuremberg war trials.



DOWN BUT NOT OUT: Mexican matador Eloy Cabazos tries to avoid being gored by a bull after falling to the ground during a bullfight in Cali, Colombia. Cabazos escaped uninjured and was awarded the bull's ears after slaying the animal.

Bank sent \$2 million like regular baggage

ZURICH, Jan. 18 (R) — A bank which lost \$2 million in cash in a daring theft from a Swissair plane in Rome Thursday, stands to lose all but \$2,500, a Swiss national airline spokesman said Friday.

The bank had not declared the cash, all in lire notes, as valuable cargo and would normally be compensated at the rate of about \$41 a kilo as for ordinary goods, the spokesman said.

Two bags, weighing 60 kilos, were taken off the airliner by two thieves dressed as airport workers. They stopped the Swissair DC-9 as it was about to take off from Rome for Zurich.

The thieves, driving a stolen airport vehicle, signaled the pilot to wait when the plane was on the runway, telling him there appeared to be a fuel leak.

The theft was discovered only when the pilot radioed the control tower to complain about the incident, the Swissair spokesman said.

The robbers, who broke in through a service hangar door, used the same route to escape. They abandoned the green Fiat truck near the airport fence, and police found in it two fake orange-colored raincoats, a shade lighter than the ones worn by airport workers.

The operation took only 10 minutes and was not discovered until the plane, with 39 passengers aboard, landed in Zurich an hour later.

An Italian security officer said the theft was "obviously" an inside job, by someone familiar with airport logistical details.

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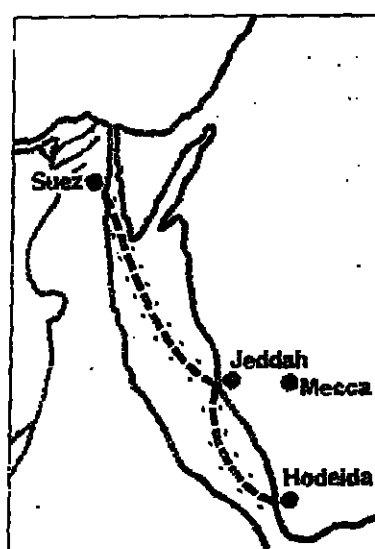
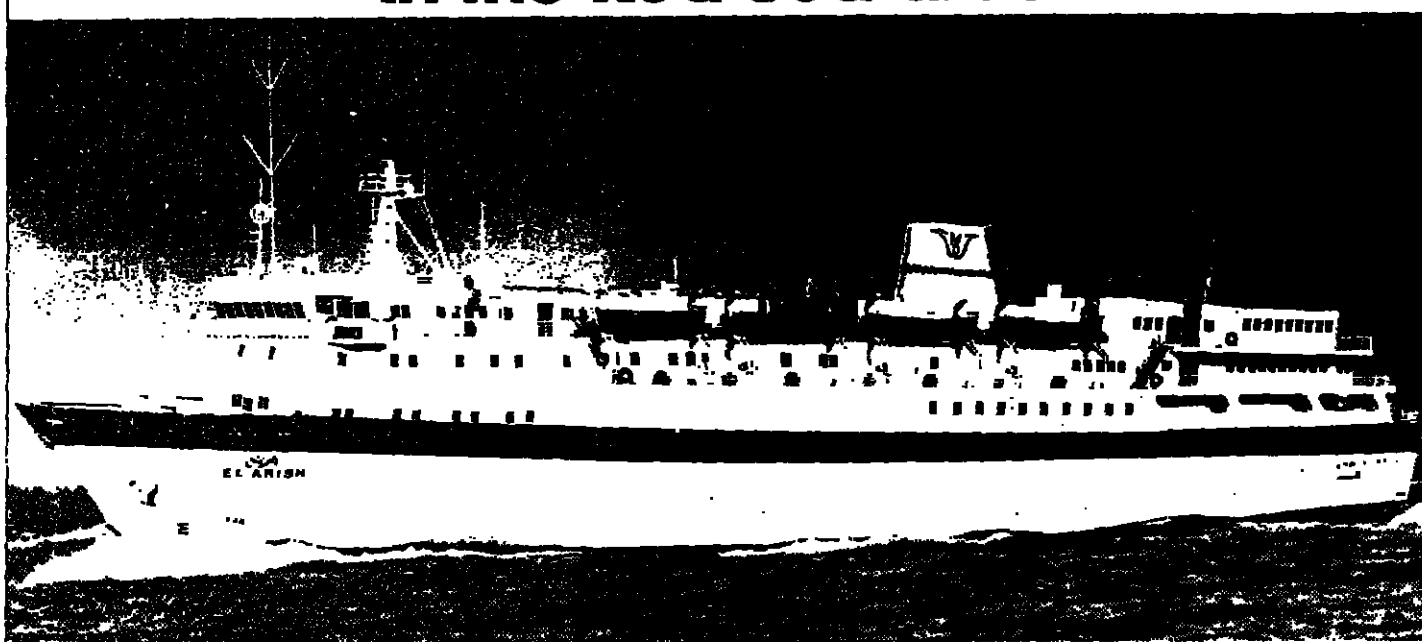
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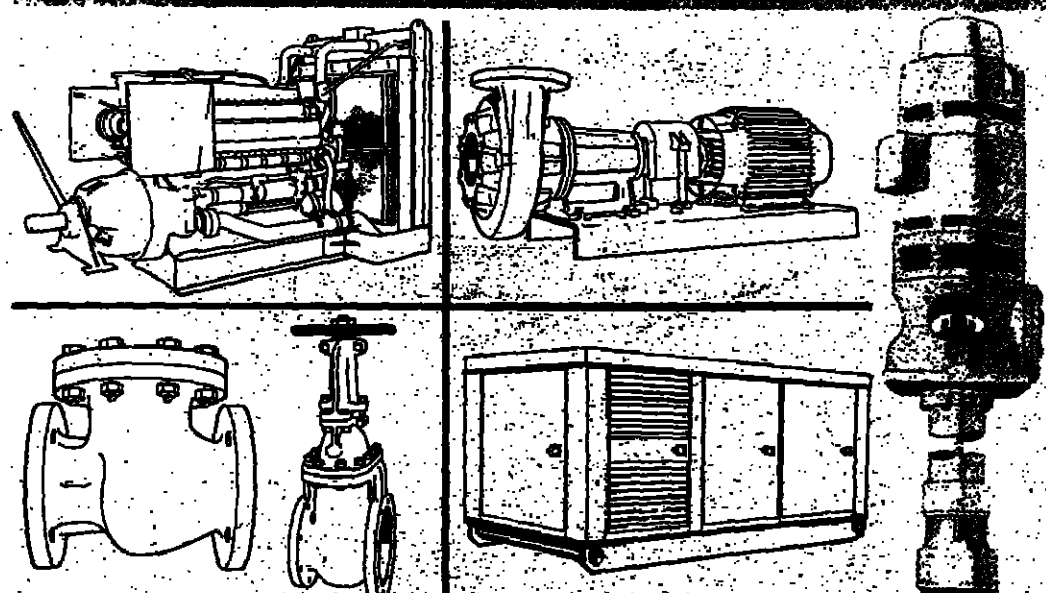
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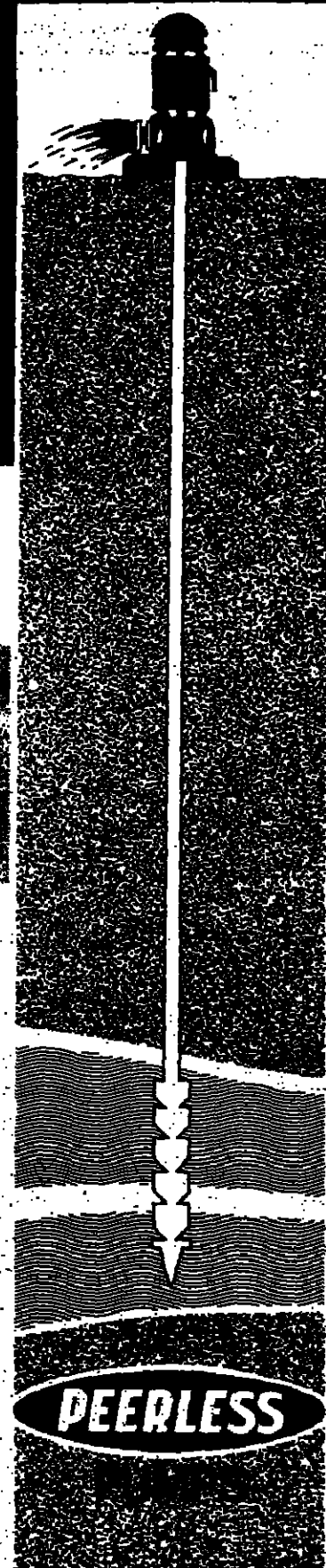


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Thai pirates prey on Vietnam's 'boat people'

BANGKOK, Jan. 18 (AP) — Pirates in the Gulf of Thailand are raping and murdering Vietnamese "boat people," taking them to a deserted island where at least 150 have been killed in the past month, informed sources have disclosed.

The sources said one of those raped and murdered was a 12-year-old girl.

Officials of the United Nations high commissioner for refugees in Bangkok said Thursday they were "distressed" and "concerned" by the repeated incidents at Kra Island in southern Thailand where Vietnamese refugees were attacked four times since early December.

"We are pursuing this matter with Thai government authorities," a U.N. spokesman said.

Western sources said the pirates sometimes attacked the refugees at sea and towed them to the island. It was possible in the latest case that the refugees had the bad luck to land here on their own and were then discovered and attacked.

Lisbon officials plan help for starving Timor

LISBON, Jan. 18 (AP) — After an initial meeting to discuss possible Portuguese courses of action to restore self-determination to the former colony of East Timor, President Antonio Ramalho Eanes and the military watchdog Council of the Revolution will continue reviewing their options at their next regularly-scheduled session, a member of the group has said.

Lt. Col. Vitor Alves, spokesman for the president's legal and military advisory group, told reporters Thursday the council had studied a brief on Portugal's rights and responsibilities toward Timor prepared by the Foreign Ministry during an eight-hour session late Wednesday and would continue their talks at next week's meeting.

Alves said the brief, listing possible Portuguese measures to probe the likelihood Indonesia would relinquish its control on the territory, had been prepared in December at Eanes' request. The president is empowered under Portugal's constitution to head the Council of the Revolution.

The spokesman said that a three-man task force had been designated to present a report at the following meeting of the group's earlier discussion, including suggestions brought up by the council's members.

Eanes had asked that the brief be prepared, he said, because of reports that thousands of people on the island have died of starvation. Alves noted that Portugal's constitution called for Lisbon's support in ending the establishment of self-determination for the territory following Portuguese withdrawal in 1975.

Lisbon, he said, had been powerless to act in its own following Indonesia's invasion of the area Dec. 7, 1975, and had restricted its actions to pressing for international support to end the occupation.

Kennedy seen trailing President as Iowa caucus campaigns end

DES MOINES, Iowa, Jan. 18 (R) — President Carter, who only last November was deemed to be heading for political oblivion, is expected to score a major victory on Monday in his first vote contest against Senator Edward Kennedy.

The test is the Iowa caucuses in which Democrats and Republicans vote for their presidential candidates in "straw polls" at open meetings across this farm state.

Kennedy, the man Democrats for years have told pollsters they want to be their president, is now fading fast in polls. This is partly due to the immense public approval of Carter's handling of crises in Iran and Afghanistan and partly to nagging doubts about Kennedy's actions in the 1969 Chappaquiddick car accident that cost a young woman her life.

On the Republican side, party front-runner Ronald Reagan's commanding lead over five challengers is disappearing early.

Iowans blame his slump from 50 per cent to just over 25 per cent in the latest poll on his refusal to take part in a debate by Republican candidates in the state two weeks ago and on his failure to campaign as hard as his challengers.

In New York on Tuesday, the 69-year-old conservative appeared to write off in advance his expected poor showing and complained that former Central Intelligence Agency director George Bush "has been living in the state for the last year."

A solid showing for Bush in Iowa could give him added impetus for the New Hampshire primary on Feb. 26. That will be the first of the 37 state presidential preference primaries to precede this summer's Republican and Democratic nominating conventions.

The Iowa caucuses are not a primary in which registered Democratic and Republican go to the polls and simply pull a lever for convention delegates committed to the presidential candidate of the choice.

Instead in Iowa, members of both parties meet in living rooms or public halls in 2,531 precincts and for hours thrash out the issues and the qualities of the candidates.

Debate over, they then choose delegates for a county convention. This in turn selects delegates for a state convention that then chooses delegates for the national convention.

The process is complicated, but the first night's result has always been taken to be indicative of how Iowans are feeling about the candidates.

And the caucuses do represent the first vote in what has been described as American democracy's most grueling process, the non-stop, year-long battle to choose a president.

The 1976 Iowa caucuses were the ones that gave former Governor Jimmy Carter his first serious national attention. He received 26 per cent of the vote four years ago, better than any other Democrat and just

The latest incident occurred on Jan. 9 when an unknown number of Vietnamese boat people landed at Kra Island, about 50 km off the coast of Nakhon Si Thammarat province, sources said.

Sources said upon hearing that a refugee boat had landed, the pirates converged on the island and began raping all the Vietnamese girls and women.

The source said a Thai navy ship rescued 88 terrified survivors on Jan. 14 and took them to a refugee camp in nearby Song Khla province.

In a previous incident Dec. 31, Western sources said more than 70 Vietnamese refugees were raped, robbed and killed in a bloody orgy at the island.

The source said the pirates killed the male refugees at sea and threw them overboard. The survivors, mostly women and children, were then towed to the island and the pirates began raping the women and the girls.

In another incident on Dec. 3, at least 80 Vietnamese refugees were killed and the women were again taken to the island and raped.

An angry editorial in the English language daily Bangkok Post said on Saturday that violence by the pirates in the Gulf of Thailand "has got out of hand" and that there was a virtual lack of police action.

"International officials now are being quoted around the world as stating pirates have declared open season on refugees, seeking gold and women," the editorial said.

"Readers around the world are learning — rightly or wrongly — that Thailand is unable, or unwilling, to take action against these criminals of the sea."

Thai authorities have not admitted that the pirates operating in the Gulf of Thailand were Thais but several boat people, including the victims, have told relief officials that the pirates were Thais.

Thai officials were reluctant to comment but confirmed the reports of the attacks.

A spokesman for the Thai marines said that two weeks ago a Thai navy boat rescued 20 Vietnamese boat people, most of them were women, who said they were abandoned by the pirates after they had been raped.

One of the refugees told authorities that at least 100 of their fellow Vietnamese were dragged into boat by the pirates and disappeared.

Some Thai officials, however, said they believed sometimes the refugees made up stories so that they would be taken into refugee camps.

Despite the repeated incidents, informed sources said there were still no police on the island.

A Western relief source who said he knew of three incidents at the islands said: "Would it be asking too much to have a few Thai police around there — now that it's the third time it's happened?"

Thai officials said they arrested at least 14 Thai fishermen who allegedly attacked Vietnamese refugees in southern Thailand.

Several U.S. visitors have promised the Thai government that the United States will provide boats for Thai use in suppressing the pirates.



IN CONFERENCE: Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington confer in New Delhi on Soviet intervention in Afghanistan. Mrs. Gandhi said after the talks with Carrington that India is not backing Moscow's action.

Decries Soviet moves Mrs. Gandhi hits arms plan

NEW DELHI, Jan. 18 (AP) — Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi has hit out at the proposed supply of U.S. arms to Pakistan and said it would only increase tension over the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

"The danger is coming closer to our borders because the United States is giving arms aid to Pakistan," Mrs. Gandhi told a news conference Thursday in Trivandrum, capital of the southern state of Kerala. She said she has conveyed her views to the United States but did not elaborate.

Meanwhile, British foreign secretary Lord Carrington, who met with Mrs. Gandhi on Wednesday, told a news con-

ference here Thursday that both India and Britain want Soviet troops to leave Afghanistan.

"Neither of us has any ready-made remedy or prescription... to achieve this," Carrington said. The two sides agreed that the Soviet action posed a danger to the region's stability, he added.

Mrs. Gandhi said the Afghan revolutionary council had invited the Soviet troops that led to the installation of Babrak Karmal as president but she denied she was defending the Soviet action.

"I am not justifying it. We do not approve of it," the 62-year-old stateswoman declared.

Backed by oil-rich nations

Group to funnel aid to poor

ROME, Jan. 18 (R) — A new strategy to ensure that economic aid reaches the poor and does not end up in the pockets of rich landowners in the Third World is being quietly launched here.

Still in its early stages, the idea has been planned by the two-year-old International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), which is spending nearly \$1 billion over three years to help poor countries to feed themselves.

IFAD's strategy is to restrict its loans to governments which promise the money will only go to the poor and then to apply conditions.

"The very poor can only be helped if they are sufficiently organized to handle the aid," said IFAD vice-president Sarjay Aziz.

"And almost all national institutions designed to help the poor have to be restructured," he said in an interview.

"When these two conditions have been fulfilled, IFAD is ready to lead money." IFAD, an independent Rome-based agency whose president is a Saudi is linked to the United Nations and financed by the world's industrialized and oil producing nations. It is currently seeking a replenishment of its billion dollar fund by between \$1.5 billion and \$2 billion.

Its new approach is an attempt to deal with criticism of foreign aid on the grounds that the benefits from conventional big projects like dams and irrigation schemes are usually obtained by wealthy landowners.

The critics have frequently complained that this "trickle down" approach to foreign aid does not reach the poor — small tenant farmers or landless peasants.

One of IFAD's innovations is a \$ 30-

million loan to the agricultural development bank of Pakistan which involves a radical new approach to banking.

"We told the bank we wanted half of the money loaned to people with less than 10 hectares," Aziz said.

"Illiterate peasants will never go to a bank and ask for a loan," the IFAD vice-president added. "We needed people who would go out to them and explain what they could do."

The bank has agreed to train some 250 staff with rural backgrounds and agricultural degrees to work as bankers and agricultural officers in the Pakistani villages.

IFAD is preparing a \$ 20-million loan to help the agricultural development bank in Kathmandu to organize "small farmer credit groups."

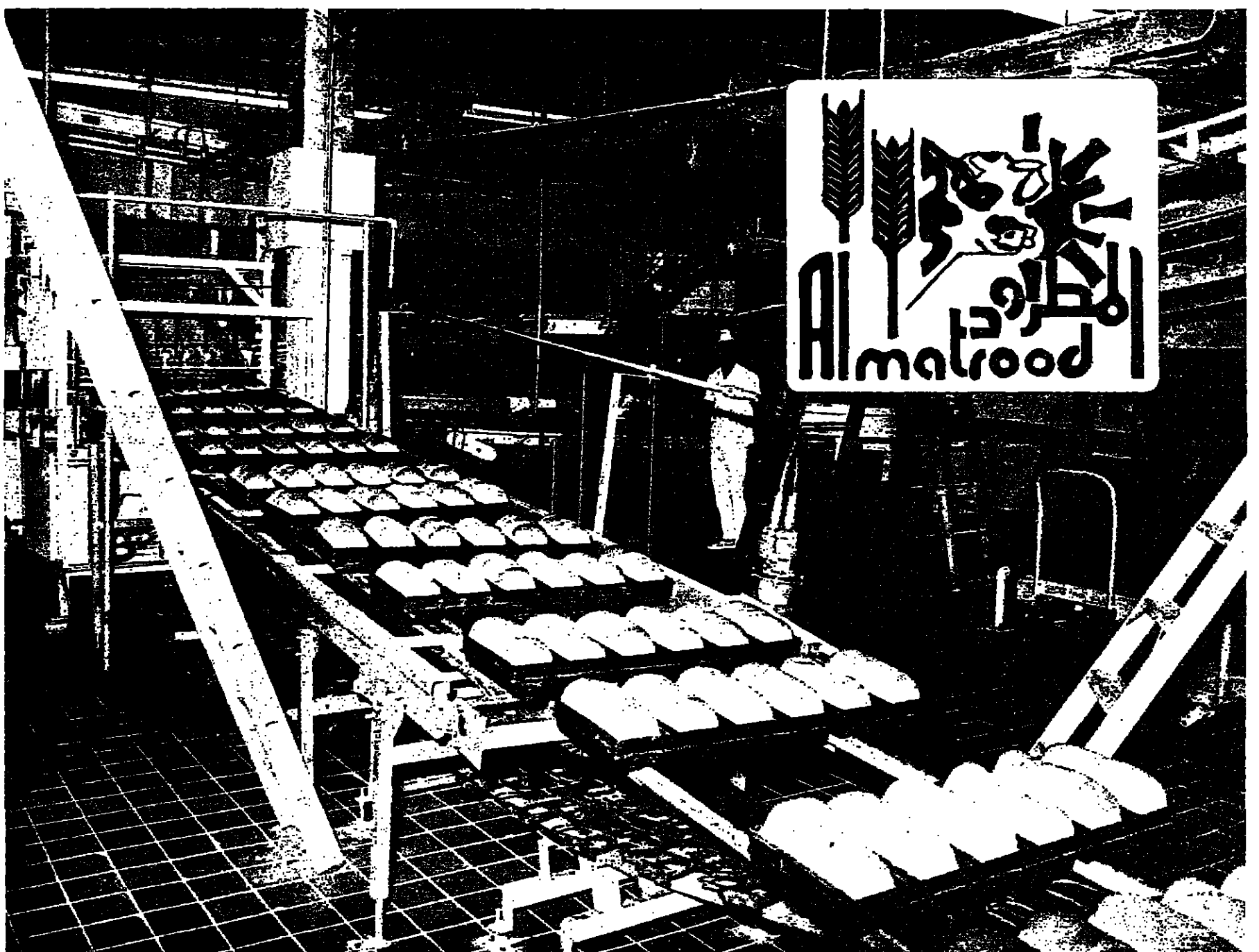
Under this loan scheme, groups of peasants will be able to obtain small loans for water pumps or buffaloes on terms which no single peasant could afford.

In the impoverished West African state of Mali, IFAD is promoting a loan which needs this approach further by working with village people rather than bureaucrats.

"In most villages, you have an elder and an assembly," Aziz said. "We will tell them they can obtain a loan from an agricultural development bank if they organize themselves to decide what they need and how to use it."

About half of the agency's loans are made in association with other aid agencies like the World Bank, Islamic Development Bank and regional development banks.

IFAD's Saudi Arabian president, Abdul Sudeen, said "We are ready to aid projects by other agencies if the essential component is to help the very poor in a country."



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President Carter

short of the vote for uncommitted delegates. This time round, pre-caucus polls show Carter leading Kennedy by as much as 57 to 25 per cent.

The respected Washington columnist James Reston called the Carter lead in the polls "the greatest comeback since Lazarus."

On Nov. 7, the day Kennedy announced he would seek the Democratic presidential nomination, Kennedy led the President in public opinion polls by a two-to-one margin.

Even a month later, Kennedy still led in the polls, but a New York Times - CBS poll released on Wednesday showed Carter now ahead of the senator by 44 to 34 per cent.

But the senator has a crack organization working for him in Iowa and the outcome of the caucuses depends in part on who gets the voters out. Only about 10 per cent of registered voters voted in the caucuses in 1976.

Kennedy has been hitting Carter hard for canceling of grain sales to the Soviet Union, in response to Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

Iowa grows corn and wheat and its farmers were fearful that the presidential action might lead to lower world prices and lower incomes for themselves.

While the President has declared himself too busy to campaign in person in Iowa, he has sent plenty of substitutes into the state to campaign for him.

He also appears to be constantly on the phone to individual Iowans — wishing them happy Christmases, joyous New Years or simply soliciting their opinions on the issues of the day.

Japan defers support of economic sanctions

YOKYO, Jan. 18 (R) — Japan pledged Friday to do its utmost to join the United States and its allies in support of economic measures against Iran and the Soviet Union, but, deferred any major political decision until the return of its government leaders.

Former U.S. Under-Secretary of State Philip Habib, special representative of the Carter administration, told reporters after two days of talks in Tokyo that Japan's basic inclination was to demonstrate its solidarity with other industrialized democracies "on the sanctions issue."

Habib was flying back to Washington Friday.

U.S., Tunisian tax treaty sought

Washington Post

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18 — U.S. Treasury officials will try to complete next month to negotiate a tax treaty between the two states designed to prevent double taxation of income by residents of both countries, it was announced here today.

The proposed treaty — which would be the first such accord between the two states — has been under active consideration for over four years, the Treasury said.

The negotiations between Tunisian and American officials are slated to take place during the week of Feb. 4 in Tunis.

Preliminary talks on the proposed treaty were held in September 1975. Following another round of discussions last May, the Tunisian government invited the U.S. to send a negotiating team to Tunis to hammer out the details of the treaty.

The negotiations will focus on U.S. and Tunisian draft texts exchanged in 1975, on a model tax treaty text released by the U.S. and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in 1977, and on the U.S.-Moroccan income tax treaty signed in August 1977 and now being considered by the Senate.

day without specific agreements on backing American measures against Iran over the holding of hostages, or against the Soviet Union for its military intervention in Afghanistan.

Japanese officials said a decision on Japan's role must await the return of Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira and Foreign Minister Saburo Okita on Sunday from their visit to Australia and New Zealand.

Habib said Japan "fully supported the objectives of securing the immediate release of the American hostages in Iran and making clear to the Soviet Union that it cannot engage in aggressive behavior in Afghanistan."

Japanese sources said that apart from agreeing that some punitive steps should be taken, Japan was reluctant to leap into a potentially damaging confrontation with Iran, a key oil supplier, or the Soviet Union, unless action was concerted among the European allies.

Iranian oil shipments comprise a high percentage of Japan's daily import needs of about 5.4 million barrels.

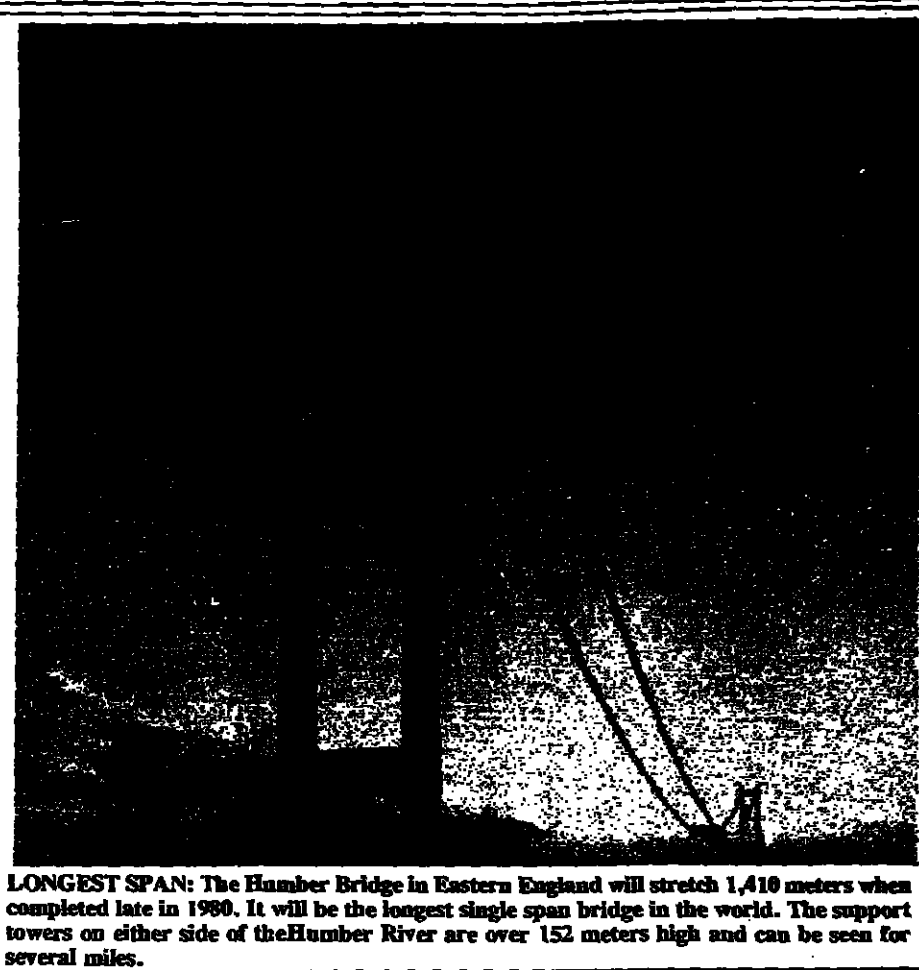
Habib said there were international mechanisms to deal with the possibility of a retaliatory suspension of shipments. U.S. officials said this was a reference to the Paris-based international energy agency supply sharing agreements.

Japanese sources also said the fate of Japan's \$3.5 billion joint Iranian petrochemical complex at Bandar Khomeini (formerly Bandar Shapur) which is approaching completion, was hanging in the balance, with Tehran threatening to find an East European partner if Japan backed out.

Some officials are insisting that the project should be excluded from any sanctions.

U.S. officials said Habib did not make any commitment to give Japan greater access to American fishing grounds if Moscow cut its coastal fishing rights.

Nor did he press Japanese officials on the question of credits and loans to Moscow for joint timber minerals projects in Siberia.



LONGEST SPAN: The Humber Bridge in Eastern England will stretch 1,410 meters when completed late in 1980. It will be the longest single span bridge in the world. The support towers on either side of the Humber River are over 152 meters high and can be seen for several miles.

Used as ballast on empty tankers

Water-for-oil project studied

By Anne Whitehouse
London Bureau

LONDON, Jan. 18 — A study into the feasibility of transporting fresh water in oil tankers has just been completed by IMCO, the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization for the Arab Development Institute based in Libya.

The study explored the economic feasibility of transporting fresh water for irrigation purposes as ballast of tankers being used to ship crude oil from Libya to other countries. The answer, according to Professor Peter Sadler of the University of Aberdeen, co-author of the report with Professor R. Nicol, is that water carried in this way could cost as little as 50 to 60 cents a ton. And 32 million tons of water could be shipped to Libya every year.

Because of the need for extra infrastructure at both ends, the project could only proceed if a regular shuttle service is operated between Libya and the fresh water-supplying ports, he said.

He recommends long-term reciprocal arrangements for the import of oil and export of water with suitable Mediterranean ports at once. The project could be even less expensive if other Arab oil producing countries joined the Libyans to set up a multinational "oil for water" scheme, he said. If accepted as a general principle, infrastructural costs would be reduced and the risks would be diminished for tankers loading "on spec" before their destination is known.

The distance travelled would affect the amount of water that could be economically carried, said Professor Sadler. The American market could be ruled out, he said.

On a short journey, such as between Trieste and Es Sider a tanker of 230,000 tons could be filled to capacity because the extra weight would only delay the journey-time five hours, he said.

But a trip between Rotterdam and Kuwait

(via the Cape), the same tanker would take five days longer if it was full of water rather than normal ballast (30 per cent capacity). The total cost of one day's operation for a ship this size is estimated by Shell to be \$60,000, so the cost of carrying an extra 161,000 tons of water would be \$300,000. However the most serious technical consideration is the quality of the water after the journey.

A paper presented at a seminar in Kuwait last year by the International Association of Independent Tanker Owners (Intertanko) described work in Norway which shows that fresh water containing 2 per cent of heavy oil has no adverse effect on leafy vegetables — such as lettuce, spinach and various herbs — or fruits such as green peppers or tomatoes. But the intricacy of the problem should solicit extreme caution Sadler said. He recommends that until present doubts of the effects of heavy metal contamination are cleared, the water should only be used for industrial purposes.

"There is no way of guaranteeing the oil content of the water is constant, he said, and stressed that the international protocols and conventions concerning ballast treatment should be maintained. Already the World Health Organization has indicated strong reservations about the plan, especially if the water is transported over long distances. It is felt in the closed conditions of an oil tank, any infection inadvertently introduced might multiply rapidly, especially in warm temperatures.

Citibank deposits frozen in France

PARIS, Jan. 18 (AP) — An unknown amount of funds of the French branch of Citibank of New York have been temporarily frozen at the Central Bank of France and another bank Friday at the request of Iranian authorities, court sources said. The freeze was effected Wednesday by a bailiff, armed with evidence that Citibank owed the Iranian Central Bank — Bank Markazi Iran — \$50 million. The sum was a fixed deposit due for repayment last Dec. 19. It was not repaid because of President Jimmy Carter's order freezing Iranian deposits in U.S. banks.

Citibank appealed to a Paris court Thursday to lift the freeze order. The court said it would rule Monday, the sources said.

The bailiff froze Citibank funds at the Bank of France and at the private Banque Internationale Pour l'Afrique Occidentale (International Bank for West Africa), owned by French, West German and Luxembourg interests.

There was no indication what funds Citibank had on deposit at the two banks, and there was no immediate comment from any of the banks involved.

A Paris court said in December it was not competent to issue an injunction requested by Bank Markazi to order Citibank to release the \$50 million on the grounds that the Carter freeze could not apply to a bank operating under French jurisdiction.

The ruling was subject to appeal, and court sources said it could take months or years before a final decision. Citibank said the funds would be kept on deposit in Paris until there was a decision.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 7:00 P.M. Wednesday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.36	3.371	3.3625
Pound Sterling	7.64	7.72	7.69
Deutsche Mark (100)	195.00	196.50	195.00
Swiss F (100)	211.00	213.00	211.50
French F (100)	82.00	83.75	83.10
Italian Lira (10,000)	42.00	41.00	41.90
Lebanese Lira (100)		103.25	103.00
Syrian Lira (100)		78.50	86.60
Egyptian Pound		4.58	4.52
Kuwaiti Dinar		12.40	12.40
Jordanian Dinar		11.53	11.46
Emirates Dirham (100)		90.00	90.00
Qatari Riyal (100)		91.00	91.00
Bahraini Dinar		8.95	8.95
Iranian Rial (100)		25.00	—
Iraqi Dinar (100)		10.00	—
Yemeni Rial (100)		74.50	74.10
Moroccan Dirham (100)		85.00	91.00
Indian Rupee (100)		—	42.70
Pakistani Rupee (100)		—	34.15
Gold kg.		82,000.00	—
10 Tolas bar		9,600.00	—
Silver kg.		—	—
Japanese Yen (1,000)	14.41	—	—
Canadian Dollar	2.90	—	—
Belgian Franc (1,000)	120.00	120.00	—
Dutch Guilder (1,000)	177.00	177.00	176.60
Spanish Pesto		52.00	52.00
Greek Drachma (1,000)		82.50	—
Philippine Peso (1,000)		—	48.00
Singapore		—	1.58

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Berth	Vessel	Agent	Cargo	Arrival
4	Jahromi	S.M.S.C.	General	12:00
5	Dur	A.E.T.	Reefers/Containers	13:00
6	Union Kingston	Adar	Barley/Gen/Steel Bars	14:00
7	Braunfels	Adara	Pipes/General/Steel	15:00
8	Cape Orange	Gulf	Barley	16:00
12	Ismael Malik	Fayez	Fruit, Juice	16:00
13	Violenta	H.T.A.	Aluminum/General	17:00
14	Ping Chau	Alaska	Grain/General	17:00
15	Maldives Venture	O.C. Trade	Barley/General	17:00
16	Abouly	Q.C.E.	General	17:00
18	Olympos	Rohco	Stk. Cement	17:00
20	North Empress	Rao Sea	Rebar	17:00
21	Al Mona	O.C. Trade	Timber/Steel/General	17:00
22	Boswell	Adara	General	17:00
23	Sidra	A.E.T.	Dura	17:00
24	Rishi Ari	S.N.L.	General/Containers	17:00
25	Bona Universal	Sia	Rebar	17:00
28	Concorde Star	Al-Jabir	General	17:00
29	Union Hondo	O.C.E.	Loading M/TY Containers	17:00
30	Arab Al Hija	S.C.S.A.	General	17:00
38	Arja Nodah	S.E.A.	Loading General	17:00
40	Engla	S.A.M.A.	Bagged Barley	17:00
42	Apollon 'A'	Alpha	Bagged Barley	17:00

Berth	Vessel	Agent	Cargo	Arrival
2	Union Yanko	O.C.E.	Loading M/TY Conts.	18:00
	Apollon 'A'	Alpha	Bagged Barley	18:00
	Eagle	S.A.M.A.	Bagged Barley	18:00
	Laos	Kanoo	Containers	18:00
	Arab Al Hija	S.C.S.A.	Loading General	18:00
	Al-Jabir	S.H.W.	General	18:00
	Son-Lafine	Star Nav.	Rebar	18:00
	Vancouver Forest	Medon	General/Chemicals/Rebar	18:00
	Bravels	Alaska	Pipes/Steel	18:00
	Austin Nations	Al-Jabir	Containers	18:00
	Arabis	O.C.E.	Rebar	18:00
	Artes	A.A.	Containers	17:00
	Gold Cloud	Oni	Rice/General/Meddy	17:00
	Duan Hope	A.E.T.	General/Fruit/Med/General	17:00

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OF 29-2-1400/17-1-1980 CHANGES PAST 24 HOURS

Berth	Vessel	Agent	Cargo	Arrival
4	Katol Monu	Gulf	L.C. Pipes	18:00
5	Hodon	U.E.P.	Rice/Barley	18:00
6	Lajo Phynoe (2nd cut)	Oni	General	18:00
7	Nagora	U.E.P.	Steel Pipes	18:00
8	Chasidha Muzak	Almona	General/Containers	18:00
9	Kato Ralgar	Gulf	General	18:00
10	Wollan Challenger	Gulf	General	18:00
11	Lunar Venture	G.M.S.	General in Bags	18:00
12	Buqa	Gosabhi	General	18:00
13	Karaka (U.S.)	Alaska	Livestock/Rebar	18:00
14	Al-Jabir	O.C.E.	General	18:00
15	Arab Al Hija	U.E.P.	General	18:00
16	Arab Al Hija	Kanoo	General	18:00
17	Arab Al Hija	S.M.C.	General	18:00
18	Arab Al Hija	Barber	General	18:00
19	Arab Al Hija	Almona	General	18:00

Business in Mideast needs 'time, money and knowledge'

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18 — At the moment they gathered, American businessmen were being advised against traveling to several Middle Eastern countries.

But still they came. Eager to learn about future prospects for doing business in the Arab World.

The boom of the 1970s is over in the Middle East. But the message which emerged from two recent seminars here on doing business in the region was this:

"There is a strong future potential market for American entrepreneurs but the development of successful trade relations requires the investment of money, time and knowledge."

The diplomatic and trade representatives and the government officials who spoke at the two seminars — one sponsored by the U.S. Commerce Department and the other by a Washington public affairs organization — stressed this theme despite the recent loss of U.S. market shares in the region.

At the seminar for black entrepreneurs, sponsored by the National Association of Arab Americans (NAAA), the seminar speakers urged the black business leaders to develop "export sensitivity."

"Blacks and Arabs are just discovering each other," noted Saudi Arabian Commercial Attache Abdullah Dabbagh speaking about the increased interest of black Americans in the Middle East.

Dabbagh and the other commercial representatives from Arab embassies at the seminar reported a "record number of calls" about doing business in the Middle East following resignation of former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Andrew Young.

Although Young's meeting with a PLO official and subsequent resignation brought blacks and Arabs together, another speaker, San Francisco attorney Khalid Al-Mansour, cautioned the businessmen against continuing to "piggy-back Andy Young."

"It is time to plan business strategies and get down to the basics," he said.

Panel speakers acknowledged that many decision-makers in the Arab World gravitate toward usually large well-known American firms, but "there is still a large market for small and medium-sized foreign firms."

Also in "an era of nationalistic expression," businessmen with "third world sensitivities" may be more successful than others, one panelist noted.

Although Iran, once a booming market for U.S. exporters, is now an "industrial cemetery," both seminars pointed out that the bright star in the Middle East business arena today is Egypt.

"Egypt represents the largest long-term export opportunity for American businessmen," stated Albert Planagan, director of the Commerce Department's Commerce Action Group for the Near East (CAGNE), which sponsored the second seminar.

Panelists at both seminars spoke candidly of the obstacles to U.S.-Arab trade. Some of these hurdles include unrest in several Muslim countries, American taxation of its citizens working overseas and the lack of U.S. sensitivity toward Arab business practices.

Egypt may be a bright business prospect, but some speakers told the hopeful businessmen that the Egyptian-Israeli Peace Treaty has been "disastrous for American business in some Arab countries."

Over \$31 million loaned by OPEC

VIENNA, Jan. 18 (R) — The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) has made seven loans totalling \$31.15 million for development projects, the OPEC special fund said Thursday.

It gave a balance of payment support loan with a four per cent interest rate to Mauritius, and an interest-free one to Western Samoa.

It granted interest-free project loans for development of transport, industry, and power to Angola, Burundi, Pakistan, Somalia and Sudan.

Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
Directorate General of Municipal and Rural Affairs, Western Province	Asphalting, paving and lighting of roads in Biljirshi	4/M	500	Feb. 2
" " "	Fencing of graveyards in Taif	5/M	700	Feb. 3
" " "	Construction of a meat and vegetable market of 12 shops in Hajra Al-Shoaraa, Qalwah	6/M	500	Feb. 4
" " "	Construction of a lavatory of four toilets in Qalwah	7/M	200	Feb. 5
" " "	Construction of a meat and vegetable market of 12 shops in a rural complex in Qumfuzah	8/M	350	Feb. 9
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U.S. wants rival Games

Moscow Olympics boycott movement gathers force

NEW YORK, Jan. 18 (AP) — The movement for the West to boycott the 1980 summer Olympics in Moscow gained momentum Thursday as President Carter's administration considered trying to set up a rival set of games and some world-class American athletes announced they would not compete against the Soviets.

Political pressure mounted for the Americans to stay away from the Games, set for July 19 to Aug. 3, to punish the Soviets for their military intervention in Afghanistan.

There were continued suggestions that the Olympics be moved out of Moscow or cancelled. But Lord Killanin, president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), said, "the Olympics cannot be moved and they cannot be cancelled."

Killanin explained that the Olympics are just as much property of the East as of the West.

Margaret Thatcher, Britain's prime minister, said Thursday she favors asking the IOC to move the Games from Moscow, but said the athletes who have been training for years to reach a peak for the Games must be considered. "That is why the government believes it would be right to move the venue away from Moscow," she said.

Her remarks were not interpreted to mean that she favors a boycott. In addition, French Sports Minister Jean-Pierre Soisson said, "there is no reason for the French government to decide to boycott the 1980 Olympic Games. The Olympic Games are not organized by the governments but by the International Olympic Committee, which chooses a city, and not a country."

Soisson added that he believed that if the crisis over the Games worsened, "it would mean the death of the Olympic Games."

In Budapest, the president of the International Amateur Boxing Association, Bernard Restout, said Tuesday he would oppose any attempt to boycott the Games.

Restout, from France, is in Budapest for a meeting of the European Amateur Boxing Association, which he also heads.

Saying that he did not rule out such a move within the boxing fraternity, Restout said, "I am opposed to any attempt to intervene in the Olympics. I regret the inclusion of politics in sport, to its detriment."

White House officials who asked not to be identified said the administration is considering trying to set up rival Games in a Third World country, but it is not clear "who would show up."

The two top officials of the U.S. Olympic Committee, President Robert Kane and executive director F. Don Miller, were tentatively scheduled to meet administration officials at the White House Friday.

They were not available for comment Thursday but have opposed a boycott. And State Department officials said most U.S. allies have been cool toward participating.

White House counsel Lloyd Cutler has told Carter the administration has no legal authority to order the U.S. team not to participate in the Games. The team plays under the national banner but it is organized by the private Olympic Committee and is not under government control.

It is doubted that the White House would go to such extremes as cancelling athletes' passports and was relying on pressure to force the boycott.

The 32 members of the Muhammad Ali Amateur Sports Club, including track and field stars Houston McTear and Greg Foster and boxers Davey Armstrong and Tony Tubbs, announced Thursday they have voted unanimously not to participate in the Games or in any event in which Soviet athletes are involved.

They met in Santa Monica, California, Wednesday night with Ali, the former world heavyweight boxing champion. Ali said Thursday, "I feel that the American people should do everything that we can to show dislike for what they are doing and to let them know that we're ready to go to war if we have to."

"Sports don't mean nothing. If it means sacrificing the Olympics to wake these people up and make them think, then it's all worthwhile. My contribution will be to sacrifice my boys and girls and pull them out of the whole thing."

The 14 million-member American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO), the most important U.S. labor organization, intensified its call for a boycott Thursday to deprive the Soviet Union of what it called a "propaganda coup."

AFL-CIO official Allen Zack said claims by "the International Olympic Committee and commercial interests that politics don't belong in the Olympics are self-serving and ignorant."

NBC-TV, which is scheduled to televise the Games to the United States and provide the international video feed, has said it will not cover the Games if America does not send a team.

The network has already paid the Soviets \$60 million for rights to the Games and owes three more \$5 million installments. But it has an insurance policy with Lloyd's of London that would pay off 85 per cent of the money.

Broadcasting magazine quoted an NBC official Monday as saying, "If the U.S. team participates, we'll cover the Games. If not, we won't."

Officials of the International Olympic Committee, which is based in Lausanne, discounted speculation that the Games would or

could be moved to another city. They pointed out that it takes at least four years to prepare to stage the Games and that even cities like Montreal, Munich and Mexico City which have facilities from the 1976, 1972 and 1968 Games, do not have accommodation for the thousands of athletes, reporters and officials who attend.

The "rival Olympics" idea surfaced Thursday, but not much was known about the administration's ideas along those lines. One official said it has not been decided whether the United States would want a rival Olympics to be held at the same time as those in Moscow or at another date to permit athletes to participate in both.

Reaction among athletes to a possible boycott has been mixed.

"Sure, I'm mad," said Janet Baier, 25, of St. Louis, Missouri, who had just finished a workout with the U.S. Olympic women's volleyball team Thursday in Colorado Springs. "Politics should never enter into the Olympics. We have worked so long and so hard. I don't think he (Carter) realizes that."

Weightlifter Pete Cline, 29, of Lake Tahoe, Nevada, said, "I think it's totally unfair of the president to use the Olympic athletes as a weapon for whatever the government wants the Russians to go. I've dedicated 10 years to my life in a sport that doesn't offer any reward other than the Olympics."

But Miller and 1500-meter runner Craig Masback said a boycott would be a "legitimate move."

"I was in Moscow last summer for the Spartakiad Games, the Russian pre-Olympics, and I saw then the tremendous buildup that they're making, pointing toward this being a real show of the modern socialist state. And their athletes will triumph, their society will triumph, because the world will come to Moscow. And I think by withdrawing, we will certainly strike a blow at this whole plan, which has been in force for many years."

The Soviets have reportedly spent \$375 million preparing Moscow for the Games.

Jimmy Carnes, the U.S. Olympic track coach, said the Games should be moved from Moscow, but doubted if enough other countries would go along with the idea.

The State Department has asked the U.S. Amateur Athletic Union to cancel trips to the Soviet Union this month by American boxers and wrestlers.

But Pete Cava, an AAU official, said Tuesday that they planned to go ahead with the trips.

Cava said a State Department representative telephoned the AAU's executive director, Ollan Castle, Wednesday, asking him to cancel the visits.

A group of amateur wrestlers was scheduled to leave on Friday for Tbilisi to participate in an international free-style wrestling meet from Jan. 23 to 27.



SWEEP: Vivian Richards of the West Indies sweeps a ball from England's John Lever in Benson and Hedges World Series play in Adelaide Wednesday.

Gavaskar hits century

India takes 103-run lead in Test

MADRAS, Jan. 18 (AP) — A great century by Indian captain Sunil Gavaskar Thursday and two important partnerships in which he figured gave India a crucial 103-run lead over Pakistan in the fifth Test.

His patient 166 which boosted India's score was his 23rd hundred. Only two more peoples have hit more Test centuries. Sir Donald Bradman of Australia and Sir Garfield Sobers of the West Indies.

The diminutive Indian star got useful support from Yashpal Sharma, who scored 46 in a 105-run stand for the fifth wicket and a hard hit unbeaten 68 by all-rounder Kapil Dev.

The Pakistani bowlers toiled through the day but only fast bowler Imran Khan and spinner Iqbal Qasim got wickets. Imran now has three wickets for 88 runs and Qasim two for 65.

When stumps were drawn, Dev was partnered by Roger Binny on 15.

The match resumes Saturday. Friday is a rest day.

Scores: Pakistan 272. India 375 for seven wickets.

In Sydney, Australia slumped to be all out for 19 after a promising opening stand of 103 in the clash with the West Indies at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Friday.

Top scorer for Australia was Rick McCosker, who hit up 95 runs in three hours as he crushed the West Indian pace attack.

Australian skipper Greg Chappell had no hesitation in batting when he won the toss. Vice Captain Kim Hughes was out for four. Greg Chappell lasted only six minutes. Over-anxious to keep the run-rate up, he hit a simple caught and bowled back.

Graham Yallop spent 18 tentative minutes scoring his 11, before he played outside a well-pitched-up ball from Andy Roberts and was bowled.

On IOC exclusion
Date set for Taipei appeal

LAUSANNE, Jan. 18 (AP) — A Swiss court has set a Jan. 31 hearing to consider Taipei's appeal in its law suit against the International Olympic Committee.

The hearing, two weeks before the opening of the Lake Placid Winter Olympic, posed a new threat to the return of mainland China into the Games.

The new date was confirmed by Alain Wurzburg, Swiss lawyer for the Taipei Olympic Committee which earlier this week failed in its bid to retain the name "Republic of China" in Olympic competition.

Wurzburg said he hoped that public hearing would finally pave the way for Taipei to keep its former status at Lake Placid and the summer Games in Moscow.

"This time, the hearing will be before a panel of judges instead of one court president. I hope to make a convincing case that my client has a right to attack the IOC decision."

Under the new IOC formula, allowing for Peking's re-entry into the Olympic movement, Taipei has been ordered to change its Olympic name, flag and anthem.

Taipei sports officials took the IOC to court over the issue and demanded a temporary injunction setting aside the decision for the next two Olympic Games.

Wurzburg declined to say what new arguments he would put before the court to try and win the next round for Taipei. But he hoped to show that the IOC

member in Taipei, Henry Hsu, suffered "irreparable damage" to his position by the IOC mandate.

Wurzburg pointed out that in Tuesday's written court decision rejecting Taipei's bid, the judge nevertheless conceded that the ruling had violated three vital clauses of the Olympic charter. The lawyer said this was a "positive element" which he hoped to build on at the new hearing.

Francois Carrard, counsel for the IOC, was unavailable for comment Thursday and at its Lausanne headquarters the IOC declined to respond to news of the appeal hearing.

An official in the IOC said, however, it would "of course be confident" of winning again. "It is dangerous to speculate, but it is difficult to see the IOC being unduly worried."

Taipei has stated it will refuse to participate in the Games with a new flag and name. Unless forcibly restrained, it has said its athletes will go to Lake Placid anyway and plan ahead from there. Peking has categorically refused to take part as long as the Taipei Olympic symbols are not changed.

If the appeal fails, Taipei will not necessarily be excluded from ever again taking part in the Olympics under its former status. Two separate and complex suits have been filed by Hsu calling for a complete and permanent withdrawal of the IOC ruling. These are unlikely to be heard for several months.

With defeat of Taroczy

Connors through to quarters in Alabama

BIRMINGHAM, Alabama, Jan. 18 (AP) — Top-seeded Jimmy Connors, playing with a groin injury, advanced to the quarter-finals of the Birmingham International Indoor Tennis Tournament here Thursday night by defeating Balazs Taroczy of Hungary, 6-7, 6-0, 6-4.

Connors, who won his 23rd straight match in the Birmingham tourney Thursday had to rally from a 6-7 first set for the victory.

In other action, Ilie Nastase of Romania rallied in the final set to defeat Johan Kriek of South Africa, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3. Nastase will meet Butch Walt in the quarter-finals.

Eddie Dibbs, who will face Connors, in the quarter-finals, took a two set victory over Andrew Patison of Rhodesia, 6-3, 6-1. The number five seeded Dibbs had earlier defeated Billy Martin, 6-2, 6-4.

No. Seven-seeded Wojtek Fibak of Poland was upset by Butch Walt, 7-5, 7-6 in the second round.

In doubles action, Billy Martin and Elliot Teltscher rallied in the final set to defeat the

top-seeded team of Peter Fleming and Switzerland's Heinz Günthardt, 6-4, 2-6, 7-5.

Vijay Amritraj of India upset no. six seeded Peter Fleming Wednesday night in the second round, 6-3, 7-6.

Second-seeded Vitas Gerulaitis also advanced with a win over Bill Scanlon, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3. Britain's Buster Mottram defeated Stan Smith 6-3, 4-6, 7-6.

Jose-Luis Clerc of Argentina and Ilie Nastase of Romania defeated Eddie Dibbs and Yannick Noah of France 7-5, 7-6 in doubles action.

In Kansas City, Missouri, Pam Shriver, who took the tennis world by storm as a 15-year-old in 1978, took another step along the comeback trail Thursday night, defeating Kathy Jordan in second round action at a women's professional tennis tournament.

Shriver, 17, defeated Jordan 4-6, 6-1 and 7-5 to move into the quarterfinals Friday against top-seeded Martina Navratilova.

In other second round singles matches, Dianne Fromholtz of Australia defeated Sherry Acker 6-3, 6-3, and 16-year-old Bettina Bunge beat Betty Stove of Holland 6-2, 6-1.

In first round
Sullivan takes Phoenix golf lead

PHOENIX, Arizona, Jan. 18 (AP) — Mike Sullivan fired a six-under-par 65 Thursday and took the first-round lead in the Phoenix Open golf tournament.

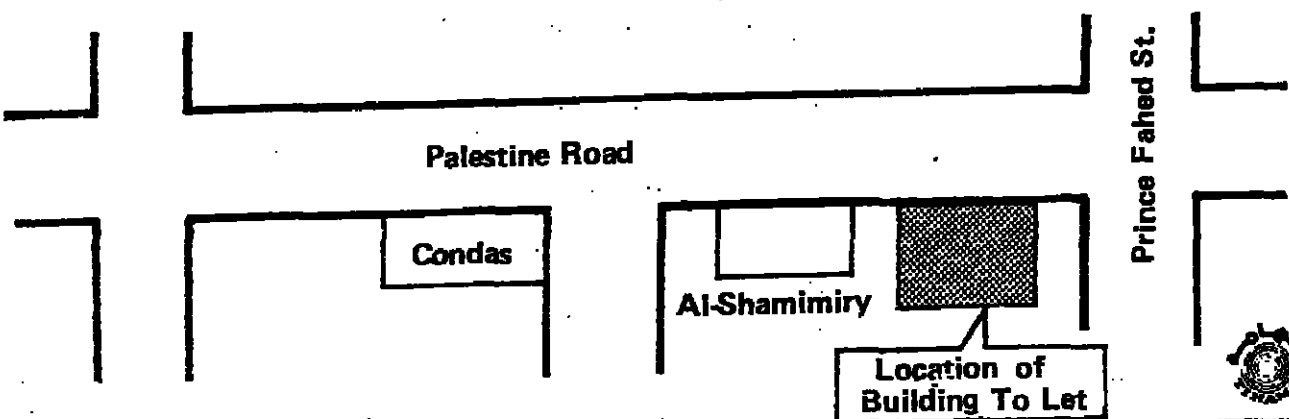
Sullivan, in the next-to-last group on the golf course, finished off his solid, no-bogey effort and held a one-stroke lead over J.C. Smead, Jerry Pate and Andy Bean, tied at 66. The group at 67 included Bruce Lietzke,


Hubert Green and Dan Pohl.

Defending champion Ben Crenshaw and U.S. Open king Hale Irwin matched par-71 over the 6,726-yard Phoenix Country Club Course. Masters titleholder Fuzzy Zoeller shot a 73 in his first competitive round of the season and must improve if he is to qualify for the final two rounds.

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♦ K 10 3 2
♣ A Q 10 5

The bidding:
South West North East
1♣ 3♦ Pass Pass
3NT

Opening lead—queen of spades.

In notrump, declarer often must choose which one of two suits to attack first. The choice may be difficult, but declarer can usually come to the right conclusion by weighing all possibilities carefully.

Accordingly, South's proper play in this hand (without seeing the East-West cards) is to win the spade lead in dummy and try a club finesse. As it happens, the finesse loses and South's remaining spade stopper is disclosed, but he makes the contract because

West has no entry card for the established spades. Note that if South wins the spade lead and tackles diamonds instead of clubs, he goes down. East takes the ace, returns a spade, and South goes down at least one.

Let's see how South attacks the problem of whether to tackle diamonds or clubs first. In the light of West's threatening spades—probably a seven-card suit, judging from the bidding—the immediate aim is to eliminate his entry card or cards, if possible.

The only entry cards that West can have are the ace of diamonds and king of clubs. If he has both, the contract is hopeless; if he has neither, the contract is in the bag whenever suit is played first.

The only cases that matter are those where West has the diamond ace and East the club king, and those where West has the club king and East the diamond ace.

Tackling clubs before diamonds caters to both these possibilities. In the former case, the club finesse succeeds and South makes five notrump. In the latter case, the club finesse fails, but West is permanently out of the picture because he is out of ammunition. Declarer eventually makes four notrump.

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Nejd	5:16	6:40	12:06	3:10	5:28	6:58

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2:30	Hits in Germany	1:30	Melody Makers
3:00	NEWS	11:00	Youth Welfare
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3:20	Islamic Activities	11:45	The Golden Age
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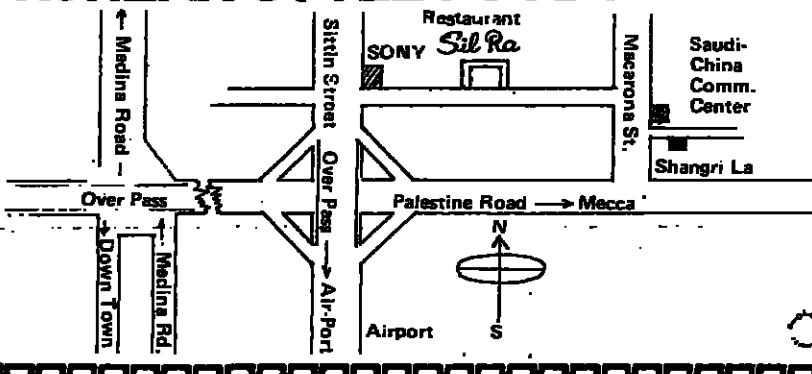
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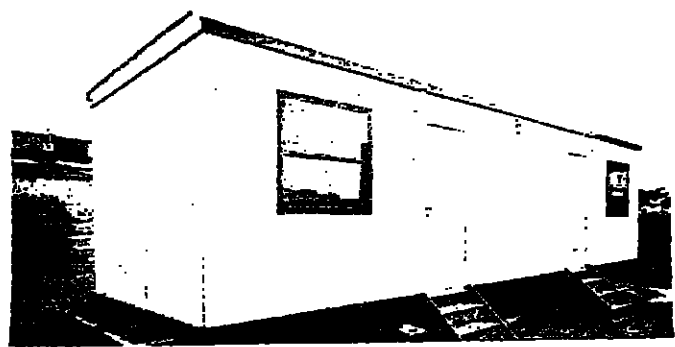
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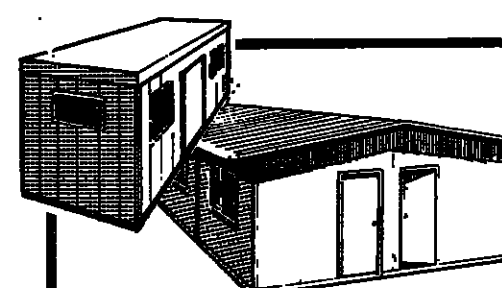
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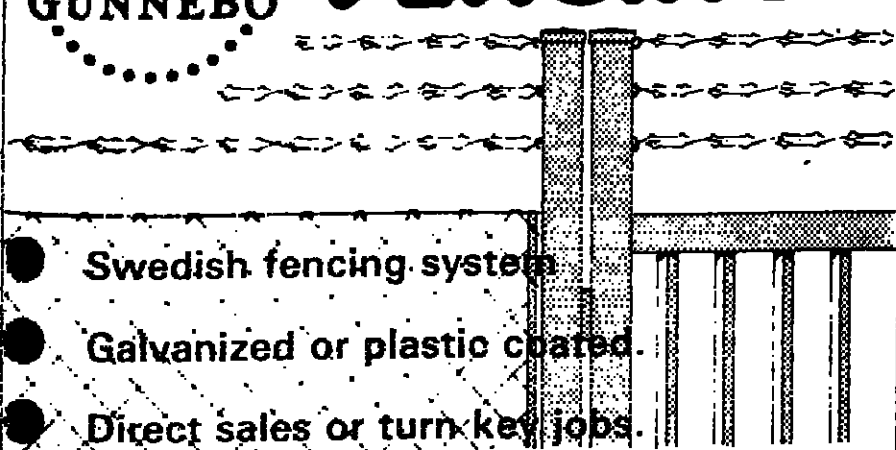
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Probe of Shah stalled by U.S., Iranian says

TEHRAN, Jan. 18 (R) — Foreign Minister Sadeq Ghotbzadeh accused the United States of preventing the establishment of a United Nations commission to investigate Iranian charges against the deposed Shah.

He told a press conference such a commission was the only way towards a solution of the U.S. Embassy hostage crisis.

Referring to talks he had earlier this month with U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, Ghotbzadeh said, "he was supposed to take the initiative to form a commission of inquiry into the illegal acts and violations of human rights of the previous regime. He hasn't done so yet and there's no more to be discussed."

Waldheim had agreed to the proposal during his visit to Tehran, he said, but "Waldheim has been blocked by American interests. He was happy about it when he left here."

He repeated the Iranian stand that the extradition of the deposed Shah, the return of his wealth and the release of the hostages at the U.S. Embassy must occur simultaneously.

"The question of simultaneous action is important. Anyone who wants to go back and say, 'Liberate the hostages, then we'll think of the rest, is making a big mistake,' Ghotbzadeh said.

"Every time we attack this problem they want to fix everything on the hostage and we refuse to do that without discussing the entire

situation." Ghotbzadeh said he had not seen a letter published in the *Washington Post* Thursday said to come from one of the hostages, Robert Ode.

President Carter also has received a letter from one of the 50 U.S. hostages in Tehran which tends to confirm suspicions that they are being misled about moves to secure their release, the White House said Friday.

Spokesman Jody Powell said the President received a letter from Robert Ode, a retired diplomat who was on temporary assignment in Tehran when the U.S. Embassy was seized on Nov. 4.

The letter was virtually identical to one Ode wrote to the *Washington Post*, which the newspaper published.

In a related situation, Republican Senator Strom Thurmond urged Carter to suspend the admission of any more Iranians into the United States until the U.S. hostages in Tehran are released.

The South Carolina Senator asked Carter to explain why 7,500 Iranians were allowed into this country after the U.S. Embassy was seized on Nov. 4.

The U.S. Naturalization and Immigration Service says it has no authority to prevent Iranians from entering the United States if they have the proper documents. Carter has ordered the service to check Iranians in the United States and deport illegal residents.



The Shah of Iran

Rhodesian 'emergency' prolonged

SALISBURY, Jan. 18 (Agencies) — British Governor Lord Soames has extended for six months the controversial state of emergency in Rhodesia, it was announced in the *Government Gazette* Friday.

The notice said Lord Soames signed a proclamation on Jan. 11 extending the state of emergency until July 26.

The state of emergency has been in effect since the last British governor, Sir Humphrey Gibbs, introduced it at the instigation of Prime Minister Ian Smith on Nov. 5, 1965, six days before Smith unilaterally declared independence from Britain.

Most of Rhodesia's most repressive legislation, including martial law, detention without trial, certain forms of censorship and suspension of human rights, stems from emergency regulations.

The governor's proclamation was made under the existing constitution, and the state of emergency will automatically be lifted on independence expected in March, when a new constitution will come into effect.

It would be up to an incoming government to declare its own state of emergency if it wanted to do so.

In other developments in the troubled country, local authorities have detained in prison the first 900 refugees to return to the country under the Rhodesian cease-fire, and guerrilla commanders have ordered government troops to use force against fellow insurgents ignoring the three-week truce.

More than 900 black men, women and children — mainly loyal to guerrilla leader Joshua Nkomo — were brought Wednesday in an armed police convoy from Tegwani catholic mission near Botswana to the city of Bulawayo 900 km away as "illegal immigrants," Rhodesian officials said Friday.

The group was detained at the local Khambi prison after illegally crossing to Rhodesia from Botswana, home for thousands of refugees from the seven-year war, and refusing to take orders from officials of the United Nations High Commission on Refugees government men said.

The group of local Matabele tribesfolk was the first of some quarter million refugees the U.S. mission here expects to repatriate in the next few months, about half before scheduled Feb. 27-29 elections, officials said.

The exercise involving buses, trains and planes is to start Monday, U.N. officials said. All refugees living in neighboring states are being urged to remain where they are for now.

Nkomo's national organizing secretary, Vote Moyo, charged police with "harassing" the Patriotic Front supporters and claimed they were "genuine refugees."

A spokesman for Lord Soames who has banned all guerrilla border crossings said: "We have little doubt they are genuine refugees. Nevertheless, screening is necessary to ensure that military personnel (guerrillas) do not return to Rhodesia in civilian guise."

Meantime, British and Rhodesian security sources reported that Rhodesian troops surrounded 30 to 40 holdout guerrillas of Robert Mugabe's Zimbabwe African National Union in the eastern region with the approval of ZANU guerrilla commanders acting as liaison officers through the cease-fire.

Shah blames U.S. oilmen for downfall

NEW YORK, Jan. 18 (AP) — The deposed Shah of Iran says he has not renounced his claim to Iran's Peacock Throne and that the greed of U.S. oil companies brought about his downfall one year ago.

"Abdicating, in the vocabulary of a king, does not exist unless it's very, very special circumstances," Shah Muhammad Reza Pahlavi said Thursday in a televised interview with British journalist David Frost.

"Does a king have to agree... to abdicate?" Frost asked.

"Yes... unless he is decapitated," replied the 60-year-old Shah, who is under a death sentence from a revolutionary court in Iran.

The hour-long interview on the American television network ABC was the Shah's most extensive public statement since he left Iran for exile one year ago Wednesday.

He charged his regime had been sacrificed by power hungry American oil companies and rejected as "preposterous" claims by the regime of Ayatollah Khomeini that he was responsible for the massacre of tens of thousands of Iranians during his reign.

He labeled the United Nations, which has been proposed as a forum for airing grievances against his monarchy, "impotent" except in its dealings with "defenseless individuals."

ABC paid Frost an undisclosed sum for the interview, part of a 10-hour conversation Frost had with the Shah last week at the Shah's refuge on an island off Panama. ABC said the Shah was not paid.

Frost said the Shah conceded that "errors of his own making" encouraged his overthrow, but that the conversation with the ailing monarch had a "continuing theme of either betrayal or... conspiracy."

Two years before the revolution, the Shah said, "We heard from two different sources connected with the oil companies that the regime within Iran will change..."

"If just in imagination, we believed that there was a plan that there must be less oil offered to the world market in order to make the price of oil go up, one country should have been the one chosen for this sacrifice."

Iran was producing 5.6 million barrels per day, the Shah said, but in the final year before his ouster, the consortium of oil companies that bought Iranian oil did not seriously "talk about placing an order to buy our oil, so it seems that chosen country to drop its production of oil would have been mine."

The Shah did not name the two companies, but said they were both American. Iran's oil consortium included Gulf Oil, Mobil, Exxon, Standard Oil of California and Texaco.

"I'm flabbergasted," said Nancy Arvey, spokeswoman for SOCAL. "Certainly there was no conspiracy."

"The only thing I can say is we were lifting quite a bit of oil from Iran, buying it, that is," she said. "At the end of 1978, the Shah was still in power and many companies were doing so and Iran was considered quite an important source of oil... I can't see where anyone wasn't buying oil. People had long-term contracts."

There was no immediate comment from the other companies.

The Shah, accused by the Khomeini regime of torturing and murdering thousands and fleeing with billions of dollars, was not planned down on his total worth and said those who claimed he killed 100,000 "don't know how to count."

The Shah, whose visit to the United States for gall bladder surgery and cancer treatment triggered the takeover of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran on Nov. 4, said "we do not elaborate" on how long doctors say he has to live.

He also said: "It's not true" that he contributed money to the campaigns of former Presidents Gerald Ford and Richard Nixon and gave expensive gifts to prominent American and European political figures.

Iran under his regime was compared to the "most perfect democracies of the world." Now, he said, the best minds of the country have fled and hundreds have been shot without trial. "Now what we hear is: 'Oh, let's try to understand these people. After all, Islam is something special,' when what they are doing is absolutely contrary to Islam."

Good Morning

By Jihad Khazen

The judge said to the lady witness, "Please give your age before being sworn." As she hesitated, he said in encouragement, "Remember that the longer you hesitate the older you will get."

Of women and age, then; that secret guarded, in many cases, more securely than formulas for atomic reactions. I recalled the story of the impatient judge as I heard a boy tell his brother, "All Mama wants for her birthday is that no one reminds her of it."

Age, so far as many ladies are concerned, is not that constant flow others recognize. It rather jumps from one "favorite age" to another. Wags have been known to assert that the longest time in a woman's age is the period between twenty nine and thirty. Many women spend about ten years being twenty nine before admitting to thirty. I once heard a man say that forty was a difficult age for his good lady, since she had to spend about six years trying to get beyond it.

Another man said that his wife is now approaching thirty five — but unfortunately from the wrong direction. He also said that she never lied about her age. She merely said that she was her husband's age, and then lied about his. This was not the same man who said that he was forty but his twin sister is just passing twenty nine.

A reflective gentleman once sighed that his wife, unfortunately, will never reach fifty. To concerned questions he explained that there was nothing wrong with the lady. But since she counts every five years as one when she gives her age, she will be 250 years old before admitting to fifty.

A lady once claimed to have been America's beauty queen when she was twenty one. An ungalant man present remarked that there couldn't have been many Americans around then. He also said, the lady still looked like a million dollars... after tax.

The definition of a diplomat is someone who remembers a lady's birthday but never her age. This is nothing like the long suffering husband who is glad that his wife only places a symbolic candle on her birthday cake. "She isn't vain," he said. "She is only concerned not to set the entire house on fire."

Translated from Ashraf Al Awwat

Aussies beat W. Indies in cricket

SYDNEY, Jan. 18 (R) — Australia beat a virtual West Indian second eleven by nine runs in a thrilling last-over finish to the Limited-Over Cricket International at the Sydney Cricket Ground Friday.

The West Indians were set 191 runs to win the Australians, after looking set for a huge score, slumped from 103 for one to 190 all out.

Rick McCosker was top scorer for Australia with 95 in 180 minutes, including four fours. Julien Wiener, who made 50, helped him give Australia their best opening stand in the preliminary games of the World

Cup series. But the rest of the Australian line-up could add only 87 more runs.

It looked like an easy target for the West Indies, despite their having rested master batsmen Viv Richards and Gordon Greenidge, along with pace bowler Joel Garner. But after picking up from a bad start, they lost their last seven wickets for the addition of 47 runs to their score.

The only batsmen to reach double figures were Alvin Kalichar, who hit 66, David Murray, 35, and Clive Lloyd, 34 not out.

Won't allow leg amputation Tito said fighting for his life

BELGRADE, Jan. 18 (R) — President Josip Broz Tito's condition worsened Friday night with clear indications from the government that the 87-year-old Yugoslav leader is fighting for his life.

His doctors, in a gloomy bulletin, said the condition of his left leg was "progressively deteriorating" after an unsuccessful operation last Sunday to clear a blocked artery.

Yugoslav sources spread word that the tough, World War II partisan leader was refusing to allow the leg to be amputated. His doctors were said to be convinced this was the only way to save his life. There was no way to confirm the report.

Government officials, in briefing Western reporters, seemed more pessimistic and depressed than at any time since the president's circulatory trouble was announced two weeks ago.

Factory workers and Communist party workers were being told of the seriousness of the president's condition, and security at key points including factories was tightened, sources said.

The phrasing of the medical bulletin, the gloomiest so far, seemed designed to prepare the 22 million Yugoslavs for bad news, diplomats said. Although doctors said earlier that the weekend operation had failed, it was the first time they had referred to a deteriorating situation.

But they said the president's "general state" had improved, he had slept well, and his temperature, blood pressure and pulse

were normal. The doctors were reported considering using oxygen to stop gangrene. Medical sources said the reference in the bulletin to progressive deterioration could mean gangrene had already set in.

The president had refused suggestions that he should be flown to Houston, Texas, for treatment by a U.S. heart specialist, Michael De Bakery, who examined him in Yugoslavia two weeks ago, the sources said.



President Tito

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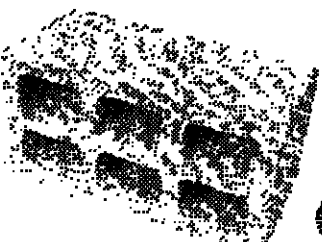
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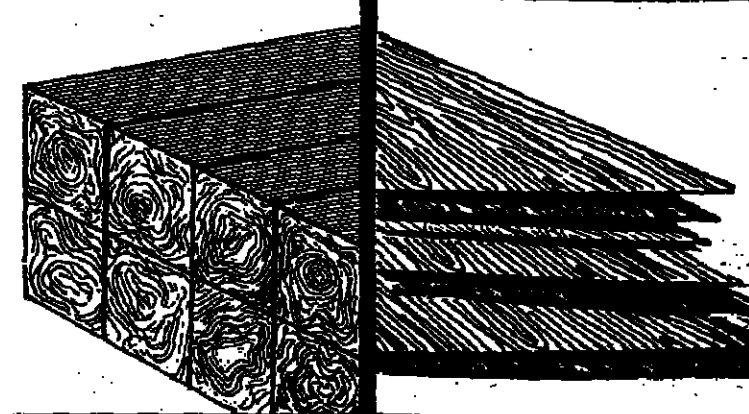
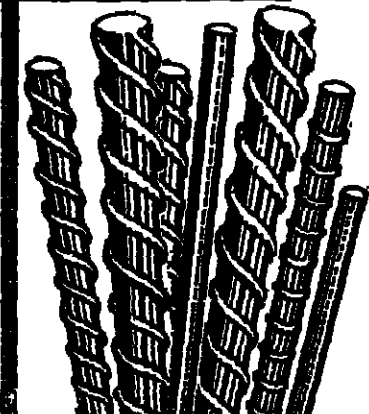
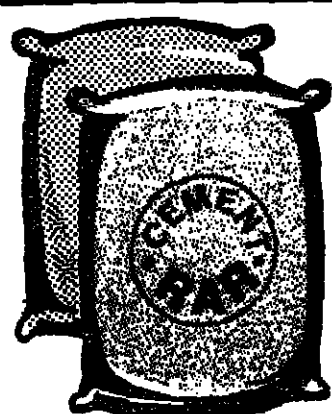
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